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THE AVENGERS

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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

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HER NAME IS JESSICA DREW. SPIDER-WOMAN.

SHE USED TO BE AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

SHE USED TO BE AN AGENT OF HYDRA.

ALL THIS BEFORE SHE BECAME A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THE AVENGERS.

BUT WHAT YOU MAY *NOT* HAVE KNOWN IS THAT SHE IS ALSO AN AGENT OF S.W.O.R.D.

"WHAT DOES THAT MEAN," YOU ASK?

THAT MEANS THAT I GAVE HER FULL AUTHORITY TO GO ALIEN HUNTING.

WE LIVE IN A COMPLICATED WORLD AND THESE ARE COMPLICATED TIMES.

THERE ARE A GREAT MANY ALIEN SPECIES WHO HAVE COME TO THIS PLANET.

SOME WE KNOW ABOUT AND SOME WE DON'T...

I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU...SOME ARE HERE TO HELP US, OR AT LEAST THEY THINK THEY ARE...

AND SOME ARE HERE TO--WELL, THEY'RE HERE FOR SELFISH REASONS.

AND SOME...?

HELL, SOME I HAVE *NO IDEA* WHY THEY'RE HERE.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.

TODAY, THE PROBLEM IS JESSICA DREW.

I SENT HER OUT ON A MISSION...

AND I THINK SHE MAY HAVE RUN INTO SOME TROUBLE.

AVENGERS TOWER.

LET ME STOP YOU RIGHT THERE,..

BECAUSE I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS...

THE FIRST BEING...

WHO THE HELL *ARE* YOU?

MY NAME IS ABIGAIL BRAND AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF S.W.O.R.D.

SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THAT.

BEING THAT YOU'RE STEVE ROGERS, THE NUMBER ONE BIG TIME SUPER-COP, AVENGER CAPTAIN OF THE WORLD

S.W.O.R.D.?

YES.

WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?

HUMANITY.

WHO DO YOU *WORK FOR?*

WELL, I KIND OF SORT OF WORK FOR YOU.

SHE'S FOR REAL, STEVE.

S.W.O.R.D. IS--IT'S AN ACRONYM FOR *S*ENTIENT *W*ORLD *O*BSERVATION AND *R*ESPONSE *D*EPARTMENT.

WHICH MEANS?

IT'S A SECRET COUNTER-TERRORISM AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCY THAT DEALS WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREATS TO WORLD SECURITY.

"EXTRATERRESTRIAL."

THERE ARE 32 ALIEN RACES LIVING HERE ON PLANET EARTH.

THEIR EXISTENCE *HERE* DANGEROUSLY UPSETS THE NATURAL BALANCE OF THE WORLD.

HOW DO *YOU* KNOW ABOUT THIS, BEAST?

I *AM* AN AGENT OF S.W.O.R.D.

ALSO.

ANYBODY ELSE HERE AN AGENT OF A CLANDESTINE SPECIALIZED COVERT OPERATION AND FORGOT TO *BRING IT UP?*

I'M A LEVEL 27 ROGUE ON WORLD OF WARCRAFT. DOES THAT COUNT?

WHAT IS *THAT?*

HE'S JOKING.

WE KNEW ABOUT THIS, STEVE.

AFTER THE WHOLE SKRULL SECRET INVASION THING, JESSICA WANTED TO GO SKRULL HUNTING.

NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE HUNTING.

IT'S GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

THE THING IS--AS I WAS SAYING...I LOST TOUCH WITH HER.

WHAT WAS SHE HUNTING?

I DON'T KNOW.

WE DISCOVERED AN UNUSUAL ENERGY SURGE COMING OUT OF WAKANDA HERE.

IT WAS NOT AN ENERGY SOURCE THAT WE KNEW TO BE HUMAN, SO SHE VOLUNTEERED TO INVESTIGATE.

SURE, IN RETROSPECT.

IT WAS *HER* DECISION.

SHE WANTED TO GO.

*THAT'S AN **AVENGERS** PROBLEM. WE ALL SHOULD HAVE GONE.*

AND YOU CAME TO *US* NOW INSTEAD OF HANDLING THIS YOURSELF.

I DID HANDLE IT MYSELF.

I WENT TO SPIDER-WOMAN'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND FOUND NOTHING.

THERE WAS NO JESSICA. NO ALIEN. NO ALIEN ENERGY SIGNATURE.

NOTHING.

SO I DECIDED THAT THIS WAS AN AVENGERS SITUATION.

YOU DECIDED?

YOU CAN TRUST HER, STEVE.

I WORK WITH HER. I CAN VOUCH.

SHE WAS A HUGE HELP DURING THE INVASION.

HEY, IF GREEN-HAIR'S GOT A STARTING POINT... I CAN TRACK IT.

MY TEAM OF AVENGERS CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS.

YOU GUYS GOT A WHOLE WORLD TO LOOK AFTER.

SHE IS AN AVENGER.

WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN.

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT.

BUT LET'S TRY THIS.

"I'M HANDPICKING THE FIELD TEAM.

"WE ARE GOING TO NEED VERY SPECIFIC EXPERTISE AND POWER.

"I NEED HUNTERS, I NEED POWER, I NEED EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ALIEN TECH.

"I NEED YOU TO WORK TOGETHER.

"FIND OUR MISSING AVENGER.

"DO WHAT THOR SAYS: TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN."

SNFF

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HE'S PICKING UP A SCENT.

LET HIM DO HIS THING.

I HAVE SOME READINGS.

I HAVE SOMETHING TOO.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN UNDERWAY.

THERE **WAS** AN UNEARTHLY ENERGY SOURCE IN THIS CAVE.

I TOLD YOU THAT.

IT WAS RIGHT HERE.

DEFINE UNEARTHLY.

SOMETHING NOT FROM THE EARTH, MOONKNIGHT.

SORRY IF THAT SOUNDED SNIPPY.

SHE WAS RIGHT HERE.

CROUCHED DOWN.

SHE TURNED ON HER FOOT.

SEE THE MARKINGS IN THE DIRT?

NO.

SHE TURNED RIGHT HERE.

SOMEONE CAME UP BEHIND HER.

THERE...

THAT'S BLUNT HEAD TRAUMA.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IS SHE DEAD?

WE HAVE TO HOPE FOR THE BEST, PROTECTOR.

AND ASSUME THE WORST.

IF SHE WAS DEAD, THEY WOULD JUST HAVE LEFT HER. THERE'S NOTHING AND NO ONE AROUND FOR MILES...

IF SHE WAS DEAD, THIS WOULD STOP THE TRAIL COLD.

IF THEY WERE SMART.

THE TRAIL'S NOT ENTIRELY COLD.

I'M GETTING FAINT...

SOMETHING...I'M CALCULATING.

SO SHE'S ALIVE.

SNIKT!

SHE BETTER BE.

BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY LEVERAGE THEY'LL HAVE FOR KEEPING ME FROM RIPPING THEM INTO TINY, BLOODY PIECES.

UUGGHH...

WELL, THIS IS JUST GREAT...

HELLO?!

I'LL TAKE MY CLOTHES NOW!!

I SAID I--

NO NEED TO YELL, DEAR.

OH BOY...

HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT WAS IN THAT CAVE?

YOU GUYS ACTUALLY *KIDNAPPED* ME AND TOOK MY *CLOTHES?*

WHAT WOULD *YOU* HAVE DONE?

I WOULD HAVE RUN.

AND QUICKLY.

OH, SHUT HER UP, WIZARD.

NO, THINKER, I WANT TO HEAR THIS.

WHY SHOULD WE HAVE RUN, SWEETIE?

BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM OR WHO I KNOW.

YOU DON'T KNOW IF I CAME ALONE.

YOU DON'T KNOW IF I'M A DECOY.

FRANKLY, YOU DON'T KNOW *HOW* MUCH TROUBLE YOU'RE IN.

I'LL GIVE YOU A TINY HINT: IT'S *A LOT.*

YOU'RE *ABSOLUTELY* RIGHT. SHE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

KILL HER.

YOU'RE JESSICA DREW, ALIAS SPIDER-WOMAN. YOU ARE AN ACTIVE AVENGER.

HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE *THAT,* I WILL NEVER KNOW... CONSIDERING YOUR SORDID, UNTRUSTWORTHY PARENTS AND PAST.

THE FACT IS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHO *WE* ARE.

KILL HER, WIZARD.

NO.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT SHE KNOWS.

YOU SEE, JESSICA, WE ARE A CONCLAVE OF GENIUSES. WE ARE THE INTELLIGENCIA.

THEY WILL COME FOR HER.

AND SHE WILL BE OUR BARGAINING CHIP.

SHE'S NOT ***WORTH*** ANYTHING.

EVERYONE IS WORTH SOMETHING TO SOMEONE.

EVEN YOU.

SMASH

SHE THINKS US STUPID.

JESSICA, WE KNOW YOUR POWER SET AND WE ACTED ACCORDINGLY.

WHO SENT YOU?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THE SPACEKNIGHT?

THE WHAT?

LET'S CRACK IT OPEN, BIG GUY.

WE'RE NOT THERE YET, KRAGOFF.

COME NOW, M.O.D.O.K., THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL FIND.

WE'RE NOT THERE.

THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR. THIS IS A POWER SOURCE THAT COULD PUT US IN A REAL BROKERING POSITION IF WE--

WE HAVEN'T FINISHED OUR WORK ON ITS EXTERIOR AND WE ALL VOTE ON THE NEXT MOVE.

WE ALL VOTE.

THE TWO OF THEM SHOULD STOP TOYING WITH THAT WOMAN.

LET THEM DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO.

JESSICA...

THE ONLY CHANCE YOU HAVE OF LIVING FOR THE RES'T OF THIS DAY IS BY BEING COMPLETELY HONEST WITH US AND DOING IT QUICKLY.

QUICKLY.

HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE THE SPACEKNIGHT WAS?

YOU KNOW THE AVENGERS ARE COMING, RIGHT?

I WISH WE KNEW ITS ORIGIN OF SPECIES.

WELL, RED GHOST, THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE ART OF DISCOVERY SO--

YOU MAY OR MAY NOT REALIZE THAT I AM ONE OF THE SMARTEST PEOPLE ON THE PLANET.

AS IS HE.

AS AM I.

THE AVENGERS CAN'T FIND YOU, DEAR.

WE ARE TUCKED AWAY.

SAFE FROM PRYING EYES.

OUR WORK CANNOT BE INTERRUPTED.

WHAT WORK?

YOU KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD DO?

WHAT?

WE SHOULD TELL HER OUR *ENTIRE PLAN.*

HA! THAT *IS* A GOOD IDEA.

YES.

THERE'S SOMETHING HERE...

ZMMMM

WRITE IT DOWN AND--

BOOM

GENTLEMEN.

BOOM

SKRAKAKBOOM

YOU ALL SEEM LIKE INTELLIGENT MEN...AT LEAST IN THEORY.

I WOULD THINK ABOUT SURRENDER BECAUSE...

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!!

DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK WE WERE NOT *PREPARED FOR YOU!*

I HAVE THE *POWER OF A GOD!*

I AM ENCASED IN A PROTECTIVE FORCE-FIELD THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE FORCE OF A *NUCLEAR--*

FAKOOM

HO *HO...*

IT DOESN'T TAKE A MATH GENIUS TO REALIZE WE'RE OUTNUMBERED AND OVERPOWERED.

WE GRACIOUSLY SURRENDER.

LET'S BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF TERMS--

SPAKOW

YOU SHOULD'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU *KIDNAPPED MY FRIEND!*

COME ON, CAROL. I WAS GOING TO DO THAT.

THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE INTELLIGENCIA.

THEY ARE A GROUP OF BIG BRAIN--

WE KNOW ALL ABOUT IT, JESSICA.

THAT THING-- THAT IS SOME SORT OF POWER SOURCE FROM A DISTANT GALAXY... OR SOMETHING...

IT'S A SPACEKNIGHT.

OF *COURSE* IT IS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT IT LEAVES AN UNCATEGORIZED ENERGY TRAIL THAT LED US RIGHT TO YOU.

THEY FOUND A WAY TO ACTIVATE IT.

WE DID NOT.

WHAT DID YOU *DO* TO IT?

NOTHING.

THAT JUST HAPPENED. IT JUST TURNED ITSELF ON...

KOOM

DEAR GOD...

IT'S HAPPENING.

ULTRON IS BACK.

KRAKA
BOOM

I AM UNPREPARED FOR THIS BATTLE.

YOU WILL WAIT.

OH, NO.

NO NO NO...

CAN YOU TRACK HIS ENERGY TRAIL?

THERE-- THERE IS NONE.

THE TRAIL'S GONE COLD.

DAMN.

HE'S TOO SMART FOR THAT, HENRY.

WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

I DON'T KNOW.

MONTHS AGO, SUB-GALACTIC CHATTER TOLD US THAT THE ULTRON INTELLIGENCE HAD LEFT EARTH AND WAS CAUSING TROUBLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE UNIVERSE.

I GUESS... HE FOUND HIS WAY HOME.

HE MUST HAVE PROGRAMMED HIS A.I. INTO THAT VESSEL AND GOT IT BACK HERE.

THESE IDIOTS WERE POKING IT WITH A STICK AND IT--WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.

WE'LL FIND HIM.

WE'LL FIND HIM AND WE'LL KICK HIM BACK INTO SPACE.

aye.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...

WE'RE NOT GOING TO FIND HIM. THAT'S NOT HOW THIS WORKS.

ULTRON IS SMARTER THAN ALL OF US. THERE'S NOTHING I KNOW, THAT ANY OF US KNOWS, THAT IT DOESN'T.

HE WILL UNVEIL HIMSELF TO US WHEN HE IS READY.

AND WHEN HE IS READY, IT WILL BE BECAUSE HE HAS BROUGHT THE HUMAN APOCALYPSE.

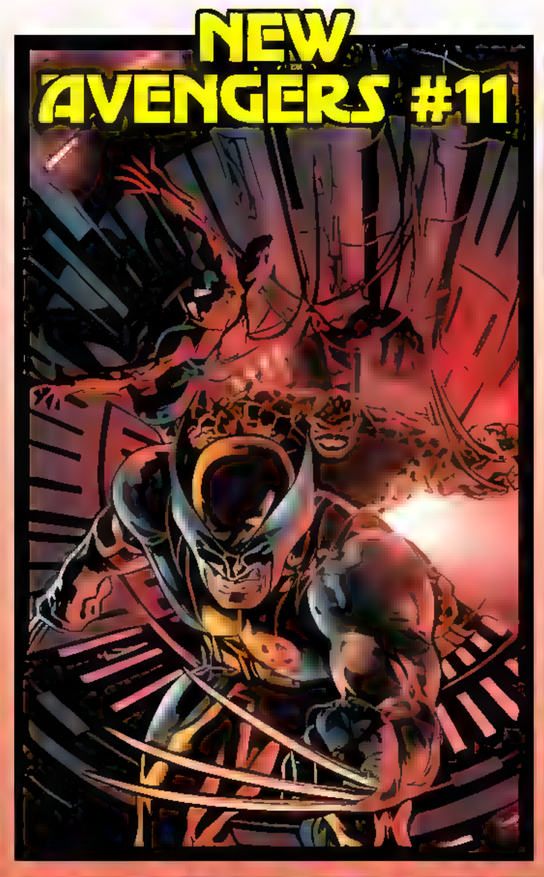
I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE...

THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO STOP IT.

COMING SOON: THE AGE OF ULTRON.
NEXT ISSUE: THE GODS OF FEAR.

NEXT:

FEAR ITSELF!



THE RACE TO SAVE MOCKINGBIRD!

STEELE REVEALED!

RETURN OF KORVAC!

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HANK PYM OF THE AVENGERS CREATED THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON.

IT HATES HUMANITY...AND IT HAS RETURNED...

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WHATCHOO LOOKIN' FOR, LITTLE GIRL?

I--I WAS INVITED.

HOLD ON.

HEY, WE GOT A HONEY DELIVERY OUT HERE.

FIZZZZZZ

EH... ABOUT A 7.

CHUCK

FLUMMP

RUN AWAY, GIRL.

BZZOCK

YO, SWEETIE, IT'S M.G.H.

IT'S GOOD AND GOOD FOR YOU.

I JUST NEED SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP.

SLEEP? I KNOW WHAT YOU NEED.

PLEASE--

DON'T YOU WANT TO FEEL LIKE YOU CAN TAKE ON THE WORLD?

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF THE GIRL.

WHAT THE *WHAT?*

HOW DID--WHAT DID--?

LADY, GET UP AND LEAVE.

LOOK AT YOU! WANNABE! YOU COME IN HERE LOOKIN' FOR AN EASY SCORE?

THIS IS *MY* WORLD!

CHUCK

WANNABE. RIGHT.

BAM

BAM

@#$@#!

#$@#$!

SPING

OW! MY ASS! I GOT SHOT IN THE ASS!

WANTED

CHUCK

AAAIIEE!

NOW LEAVE.

GO TO HELL, YOU SON OF A--

CHUCK

I TOLD YOU.

AAAIIEERRGGHH!

OKAY?!

NOW LEAVE.

AAAIIEERRGGHH!

AAAIIEEERRGGHH!!

TOLD YOU THEY'D COME FOR HIM.

IT'S THOR.

THOSE IDIOTS NEVER LEARN.

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S THOR.

THOR AIN'T AROUND NO MORE, IDIOT!

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

OOOH GAWWD!!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID NO ONE *FOLLOWED* YOU, OWLSLEY!

THIS ISN'T ON *ME*, HAMMERHEAD.

I'VE BEEN HOLED UP HERE WITH YOU FOR *TWO DAYS!*

WELL, IF IT'S ONE OF *THEM* WE CAN SELL HIM TO THE BIG GUY AS WELL.

AN AVENGER BUYS US A LOT OF FREE PASSES.

YOU KEEP *SAYING* THAT.

WE'RE STILL HERE, AREN'T WE?

YOU GO FIRST.
ME?
I'M PAYING YOU...THAT EQUALS YOU GO FIRST.
COME ON, MR. HAMMERHEAD...
GO.
CHUCK
BACK UP! BACK UP!
OH, MY GOD!
YOU'RE STEPPING ON ME!
WHO'S NEXT?!?!

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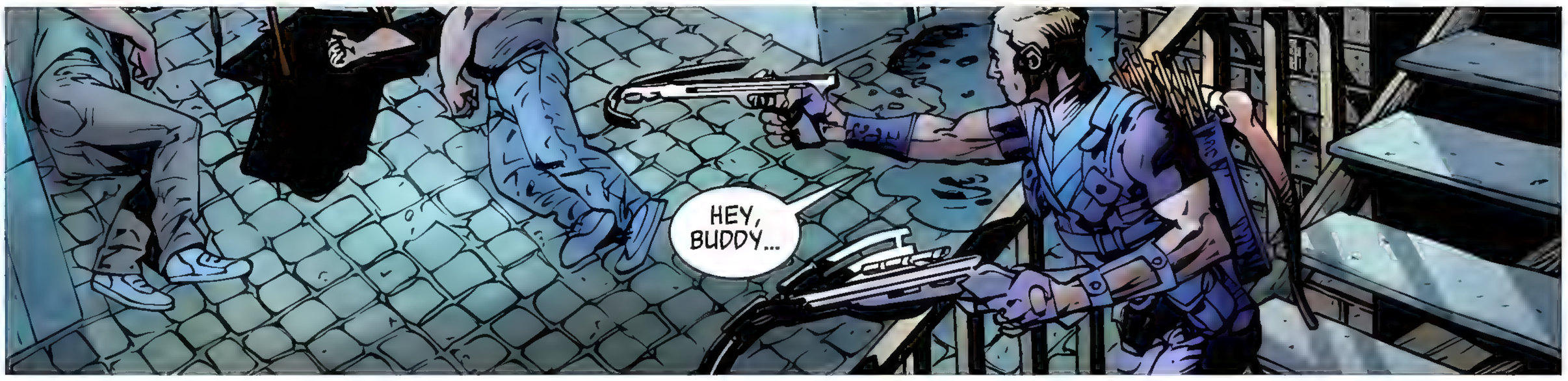
YOU HEAR THAT?

AGH!


HEY, BUDDY...

HEEEEY...

HOLD ON...

I'M--I'M GETTING MY SSSECOND WIND...

WAIT...

NO, 'MNOT.

THIS'LL HELP.

UGH. WHAT IS THAT?

HAWKEYE, HAVE I...

EVER TOLD YOU...

HOW MUCH...

I LOVE YOU?

BAM BAM

I HAVE AN IDEA...

WHICHEVER ONE OF YOU AVENGERS KILLS THE OTHER ONE, WE'LL LET GO.

BAM BAM

I'D WATCH THAT.

YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT, RIGHT?

AN OWL CAN DREAM, CAN'T HE?

BAM BAM

COME ON!!

BOWS AND *ARROWS?!*

THE WORLD'S GONE TO HELL. AND YOU'RE STICKING WITH *BOWS AND ARROWS?*

THAT'S WHY NO ONE LIKES YOU!

OH, GOD!!

AAAAGGHH!!!

ALL HUMANOID LIFE FORMS ARE TO EXIT THE PREMISES.

IMMEDIATELY.

I THOUGHT YOU HAD ULTIMATE ORB!

I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

SLAM

BE PAID!

THERE WAS AN UNDERSTANDING!

AGH!

SO, SPIDEY, GO!

I'M GOING!

WE HAVE A DEAL!!

THE DAMN DEAL IS WE DELIVER TO YOU AND YOU LEAVE US ALONE!

THUCK

THUCK

01:00

00:40

SUBZERO

00:25

NO.

00:10

00:05

COME ON...

OOF!

CLANK

JEEZ!

THANKS FOR THE RESCUE, HAWKEYE!

AND I... DIDN'T GET YOU ANYTHING.

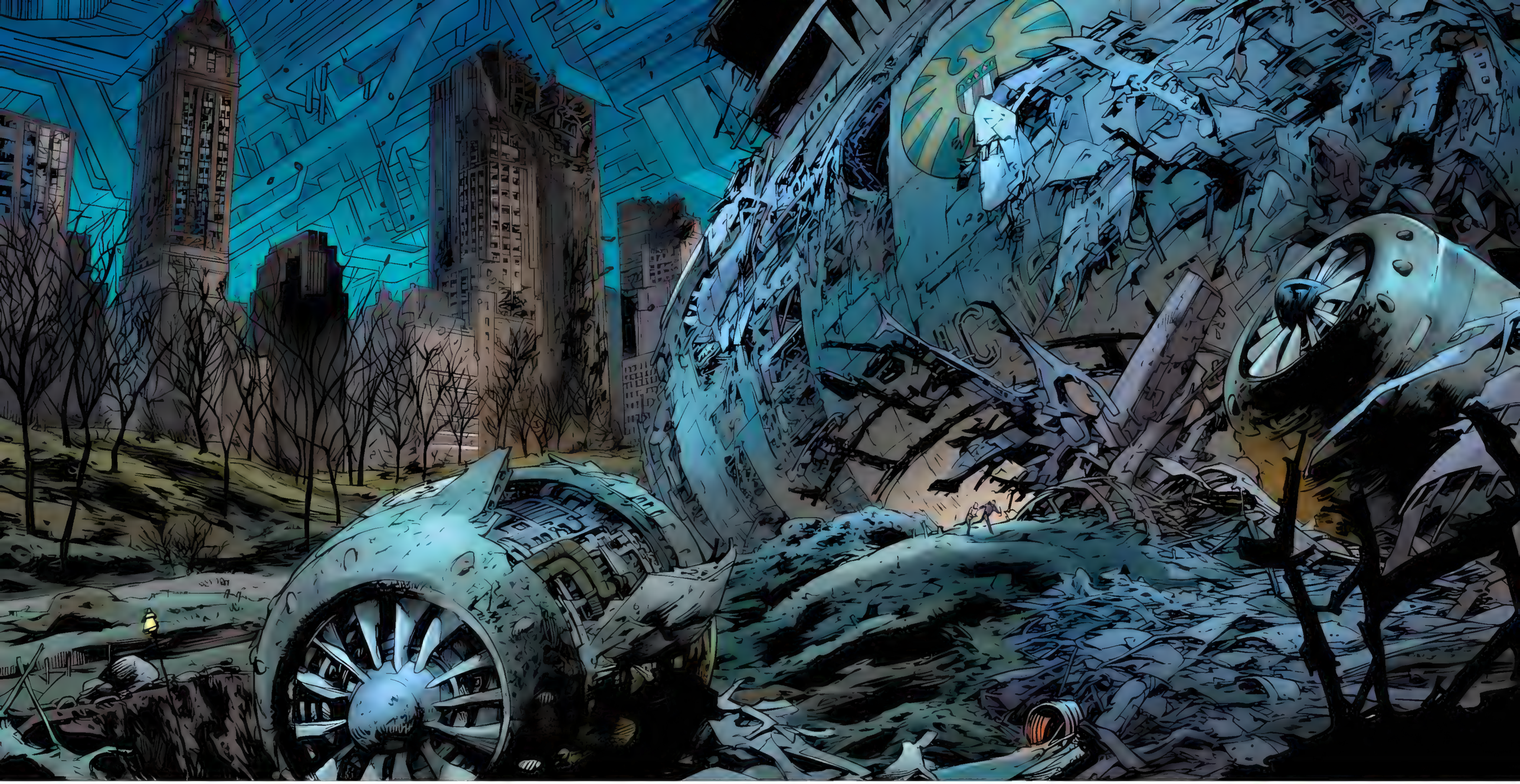
ARE THERE OTHERS?

NOT ENOUGH.

YOU OKAY?

NO. NONE OF US ARE. WE'RE SO ENTIRELY SCREWED.

I KNOW.



AGH!
CENTRAL PARK IN FALL...
MY FAVORITE TIME_OF YEAR.
HOLD IT TOGETHER.

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE PLEASANT.
CONSIDERING THE WEEK I HAD, UNPLEASANT SOUNDS ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS.
HERE THEY COME_

GUYS, HEY_
COME ON! COME ON!

WE TOLD YOU NOT TO COME *BACK*, BARTON!

AND I TOLD YOU I WAS *BRINGING HIM BACK!*

OFF ME, CAGE!

WE TOLD YOU IF YOU LEFT, YOU *LEFT!*

COULD YOU PLEASE NOT--*OW!*

SHUT UP.

GIVE HIM THE THING, STARK.

I HATE TO USE TECH OUT IN THE OPEN.

DAMN YOU FOR PUTTING US IN THIS POSITION.

YOU KNOW, SHE-HULK, I'VE ACTUALLY HAD A REALLY BAD COUPLE OF-- OW!!

HOLD STILL.

HE'S CLEAR.

I COULDSH HAVE TOLD CHOU THAT!

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* YOU CAME BACK HERE.

JUST GET IT OVER WITH, TONY.

CLEAR.
ULTRON DIDN'T INFECT THEM WITH ANYTHING.
I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN, LUCAS.
NOTHING THAT YOU KNOW OF.
COULD ONE OF YOU "HEROES" HELP THE POOR GUY...HE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT.
ACTUALLY, I'M VERY COMFORTABLE DOWN HERE.
HOW DO WE KNOW SOMETHING DIDN'T FOLLOW THEM HERE?
THEY'RE CLEAN.
LEAVE THEM ALONE.

THANK YOU, EMMA.

ARE WORDS I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY...

DON'T ACT ALL PUT UPON. WE TOLD YOU THAT IF YOU LEFT TO GO GET HIM--

AND I TOLD YOU THAT I'M ***NOT*** GIVING UP ON WHAT IS LEFT OF OUR FRIENDS, NO MATTER ***WHAT.***

THERE ARE RULES WE HAVE TO LIVE BY OR WE ARE ALL GOING TO ***DIE.***

WE'RE GOING TO DIE ANYHOW AND I'D MUCH RATHER LIVE ***THAT*** LIFE THE WAY I ***WANT*** TO.

AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET WHAT HAPPENED CHANGE THE VALUE OF ***MY*** LIFE.

AND ***SHAME*** ON THE REST OF YOU, SHAME ON YOU FOR ***GIVING UP.***

NO ONE GAVE UP.

WHAT DO YOU CALL ***THIS?***

WE HAVE NO PLAN.

AND WHOSE FAULT IS ***THAT?***

HE'S WORKING ON IT.

IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL IT?

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT:

TOO MANY ULTRONS!

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BOOK TWO

PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON.

ONCE ULTRON BECAME SELF-AWARE HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO PURIFYING THE EARTH OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. EVERY TIME ULTRON CREATED A PLAN TO STRIKE OUT AT HUMANITY, EVERY TIME ULTRON ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY THE AVENGERS, HE WAS DEFEATED.

TONY STARK WARNED THAT IF ULTRON WAS TO CONTINUE TO EVOLVE HE WOULD FIND A WAY TO DESTROY US.

THAT DAY HAS COME.

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SAN FRANCISCO.
TODAY.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING. WHAT? A CAR? FOOD?

GIVE ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT.

WHERE DID YOU GET A GUN?

D-DROP THE BLANKET AND PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE--ON THE WALL.

OKAY, WHICH WALL?

HANDS ON YOUR HEAD! TAKE OFF THE-THE-THE--

WHICH IS IT? HANDS ON THE WALL? ON MY HEAD? WHAT?

I'M GOING TO SHOOT YOU.

NO, YOU WON'T. IF YOU WERE GOING TO, YOU WOULD HAVE. IF YOU WERE A REAL MAN, YOU WOULD HAVE. ***THAT*** I WOULD RESPECT!

YOU COWARD!

DID YOU GET TO WATCH YOUR FAMILY DIE?

DO YOU THINK THEY WATCH YOU NOW?

N-NO MORE TALK! GIVE ME WHAT YOU HAVE!

WH-WHAT DO YOU ***HAVE?***

SPAK

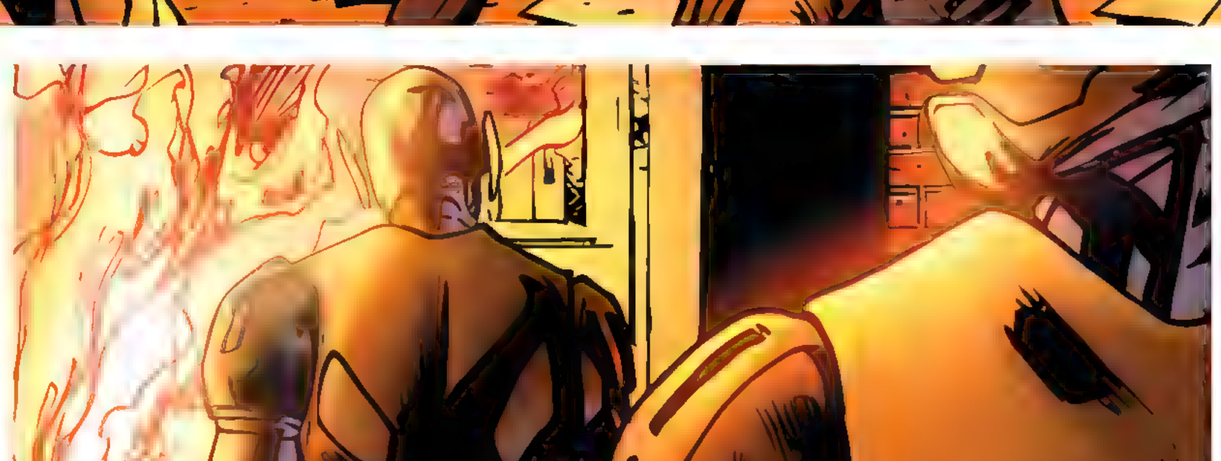
SIGN LANGUAGE: I HAD IT.

SIGN LANGUAGE: SURE YOU DID.

SIGN LANGUAGE: SAFE HOUSE.

SUBMIT OR PERISH. SUBMIT OR PERISH.

I DON'T KNOW THESE GUYS!
PLEASE!
JUST RUN! RUN! GET OUT OF MY WAY!



WELL, THAT WAS A BUST...

WATCH IT NATASHA, YOU'RE GOING TO PUT AN EYE OUT WITH THAT THING.

AREN'T YOU FUNNY.

NO LUCK ON THE STREET? OTHER THAN MR. RIGHT WITH THE GUN?

THE HOSPITAL IS THE WORST OF IT ALL, MARC.

I TOLD YOU.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE JUST A ***LITTLE*** LONGER FOR HUMANITY TO COMPLETELY COLLAPSE IN ON ITSELF.

WELL, YOU WERE REALLY KIDDING YOURSELF THEN.

NO WORD FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

EVERYTHING IS DEAD OR DYING.

NOTHING AT ALL?

IT'S GETTING WORSE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK FURY WAS DOING DOWN HERE?

WASP
LOGAN
SPIDER-WOMAN
CAGE
FROST
HAWKEYE
MEDUSA
MURDOCK
TRAPSTER
ROGERS
DRAKE
ROSS
MOON KNIGHT
MACHINE MAN
JSTORM
OSBORN
THOR
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GORGON
VICCAN
IRON FIST
SILVE
CASTLE
VALKYRIE
GRIMM
WHOO YOU TRUS
NOT PYM
BRADDOCK
NIGHTCRAWLER
ELECTRO
DAVID!
ADPOOL
JGGERNAUT
MCCOY
CHECK WITH XAVIER - MIGHT BE TOO LATE
VULTURE
ETOOTH
MAGNETO
SPIDER-MAN
OCTAVIUS
BANNER
MOCKINGBIRD
XAVIER
KRAVEN
SUMMER
HELLSTRO

THIS WAS FURY'S SECRET HIDEOUT.
WELL, ONE OF THEM.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE HE WAS HOLED UP DURING THE SKRULL INVASION.
THE PEOPLE HE CAN TRUST IN BLUE AND THE PEOPLE HE COULDN'T IN RED?
I WONDER IF HE MADE IT OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS?

I WONDER IF HE'S GOING TO KILL US FOR USING HIS STUFF.
HE MOST CERTAINLY WILL.
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

GO?

THIS IS THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE.

AND WE DON'T THINK THAT ULTRON WILL SOMEHOW TAP INTO S.H.I.E.L.D. INTELLIGENCE AND DISCOVER THESE LITTLE FURY VACATION SPOTS.

ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT NICHOLAS FURY IS THAT HE NEVER WROTE ANYTHING DOWN.

IF YOU DON'T WRITE IT DOWN, THERE'S NO PAPER TO TRAIL.

THE MACHINE CAN'T FIND THIS PLACE BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS IT EXISTS.

WELL, AIN'T THE TWO OF US LUCKY THAT WE WERE RUNNING A BLACK-OPS MISSION WHEN THE WORLD WENT TO HELL...

I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING ACTUALLY.

YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT NEW YORK IS--

I KNOW.

WE HAVE TO FIND THE OTHERS. THOR, SOMEBODY HAD TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS, TOO...

JUST PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL HELP ME SHOVE A NUCLEAR WARHEAD UP THAT ROBOT'S ASS.

OH, OKAY.

I MEAN IT.

I KNOW.

DON'T BE COY. DON'T BE CUTE. NOT NOW.

I DON'T MIND GOING OUT.

WE'RE ALL GOING TO EVENTUALLY.

BUT NOT WITHOUT TAKING THAT DAMN THING WITH US.

EXACTLY.

CENTRAL PARK, UNDER IT.

SO THE END OF THE WORLD ACTUALLY HAPPENED AND I SLEPT THROUGH IT?

HOW MUCH MORE ME COULD I POSSIBLY BE?

MY NAME IS PETER PARKER, BY THE WAY.

I GUESS WE CAN FORGO THE PARANOID FORMALITY OF A SECRET IDENTITY.

ALL THOSE THINGS THAT WERE SO FREAKING IMPORTANT TO US-- NOT SO IMPORTANT ANYMORE, HUH?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

HONESTLY, I WENT TO BED AND I WOKE UP AND THE WORLD HAD GONE TO ABSOLUTE HELL.

IT HAPPENED TO A LOT OF US.

AT FIRST I THOUGHT, OH GOOD, I HAD FINALLY COMPLETELY CRACKED UP.

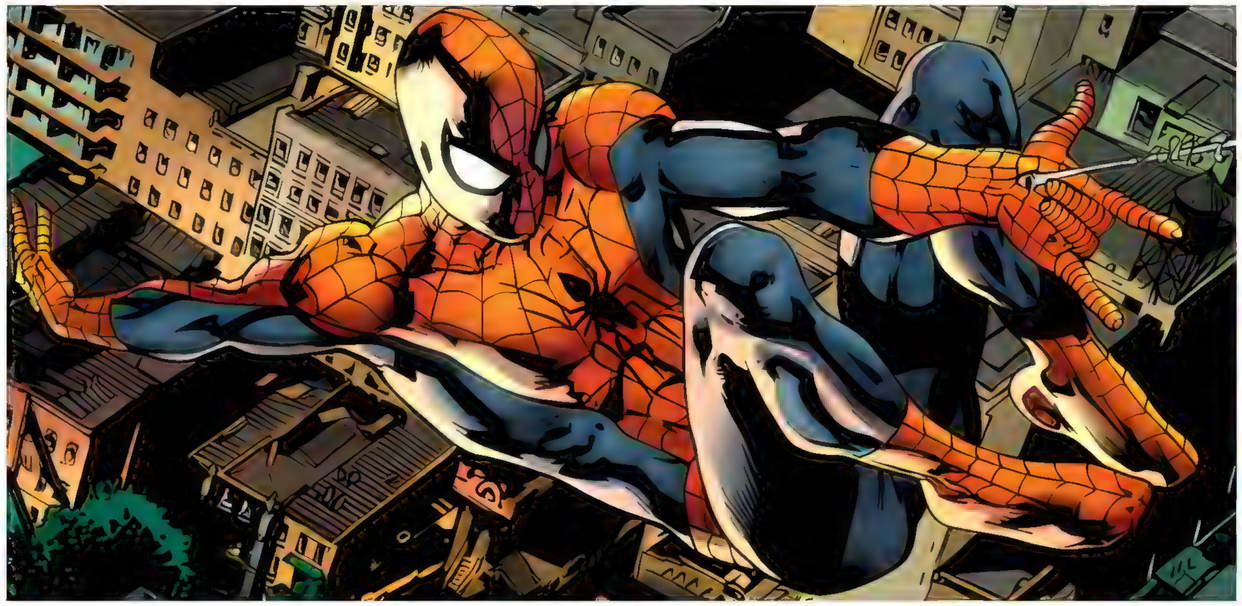
GOOD?

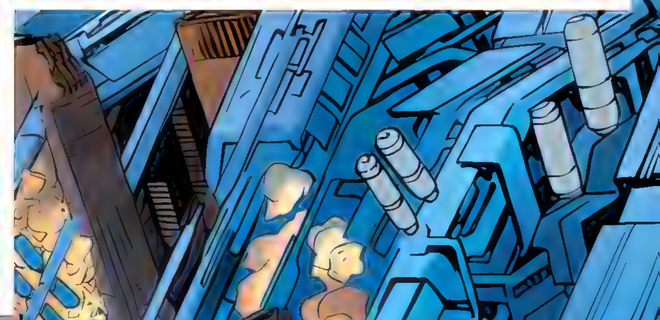
WELL, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PRETTY SURE THAT NO HUMAN BEING CAN HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL OF THE THINGS I HAVE GONE THROUGH AND NOT ***EVENTUALLY*** SNAP.

BUT I WAS ALWAYS PRETTY SURE THAT SITTING AROUND AND WORRYING THAT I ***MIGHT*** SNAP IS WORSE THAN ***ACTUALLY*** SNAPPING.

I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT SNAPPING WOULD BE A HUGE RELIEF.

WHAT DID YOU SEE, PETER?





DO WE KNOW IF IT'S JUST MANHATTAN?

WE ASSUME THAT IT'S EVERYWHERE.

AND WE ASSUME THAT BECAUSE...?

NO ONE HAS EVEN *TRIED* TO ENTER THE AIRSPACE.

NOT AN AVENGER, NOT A PLANE OR HELICOPTER...

NO MILITARY?

WASHINGTON, D.C., IS GONE. WE KNOW THAT FOR A FACT.

GONE AS IN...?

GONE LIKE IT NEVER EXISTED.

CAN I JUST SAY...

I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS.

IS-IS THIS EVERYBODY?

THIS IS IT? 7,000 SUPER HEROES IN NEW YORK...

THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF US?

HOW DID YOU END UP KIDNAPPED?

MY SPIDER-SENSE DIDN'T EVEN GO OFF.

THERE WAS JUST THIS FLASH OF WHITE.

I WOKE UP DRUGGED AND TIED TO A CHAIR.

WHAT WERE THEY DOING TO YOU?

DRUGGING ME, TALKING CRAP, YOU KNOW...

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY DO.

EXACTLY.

DID THEY SAY ANYTHING IMPORTANT?

WELL, LOGAN, IF YOU THINK THEM TELLING ME THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SELL ME TO THE BIG ROBOT IS IMPORTANT.

THEY WERE GOING TO SELL YOU?

TO ULTRON.

THEY WERE GOING TO SELL YOU TO ULTRON.

NO OFFENSE, BUT WHY WOULD THE ROBOT NEED YOU? AND WHY WOULD HE NEED THOSE IDIOTS TO BRING YOU TO HIM?

I DON'T THINK IT'S A MATTER OF NEED. MAYBE JUST WANT.

BUT I'M HARDLY AN EXPERT ON WORLD-DESTROYING ARTIFICIAL ORGANISMS.

BUT LUKE HAS A DAMN GOOD POINT. WHY ***WOULD*** THAT THING NEED TO DO BUSINESS WITH A COUPLE OF LOW LIFE DIRTBAGS?

EXACTLY.

AT THIS POINT, WHAT'S IN IT FOR HIM?

IT MIGHT BE THAT THE OWL AND THE OTHER GUY ARE JUST FOOLING THEMSELVES INTO THINKING THEY CAN DO BUSINESS WITH IT.

BUT THEY WERE REALLY ABOUT TO GET THEMSELVES EVAPORATED.

I THOUGHT THAT TOO, DAISY.

BUT I'M UNDER THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD DONE THIS BEFORE.

BARTERED A "PERSON OF INTEREST."

THIS @#E#% ROBOT!!

CONQUERS THE WORLD TO BARTER WITH TRASH?

THIS IS INSANE.

YOU HAD TO'A HEARD HIM WRONG.

BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO ***SOMETHING***... RIGHT?

SURVIVE.

TONY, SURVIVE IS NOT SOMETHING.

NO, IT'S NOT...

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN...

UNTIL NOW.

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THE PLAN...

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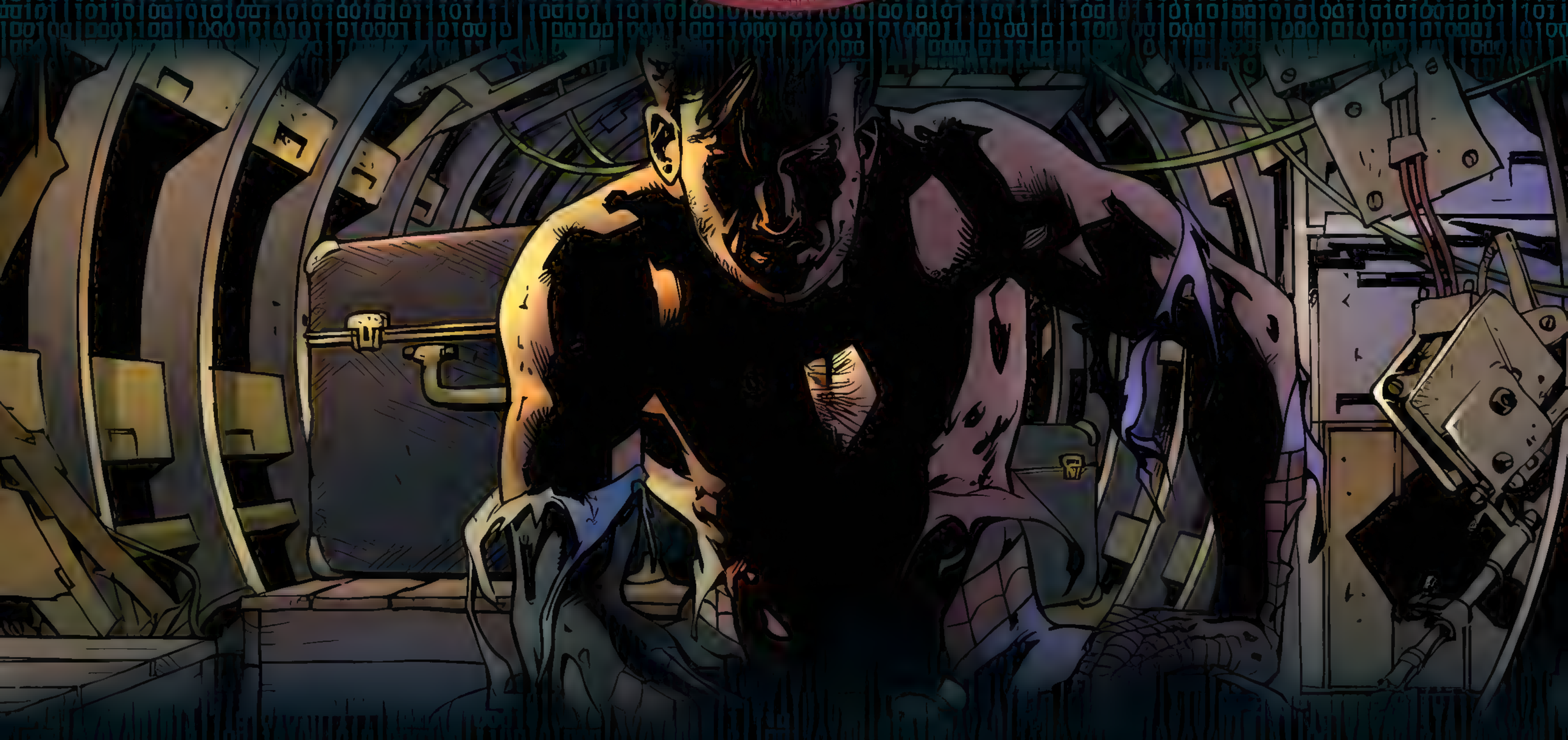

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ONCE ULTRON BECOME SELF-AWARE HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO PURIFYING THE EARTH OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. ALTHOUGH THE AVENGERS ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO DEFEAT ULTRON, THERE WERE THOSE WHO WARNED THAT WITH HIS CONTINUOUS EVOLUTION, HE WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND A WAY TO DESTROY US.

THAT DAY HAS COME.

MANY WERE KILLED. THE HEROES WHO SURVIVED HAVE MOVED UNDERGROUND TO AVOID ULTRON'S PATROLS. WHILE ON A PATROL MISSION, HAWKEYE RESCUED SPIDER-MAN, WHO REVEALED THAT CRIMINALS HAMMERHEAD AND THE OWL HAD PLANNED TO SELL HIM TO ULTRON.

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GEEZ.

KEEP IT TOGETHER, SHE-HULK.

SURE.

BECAUSE THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE END OF THE WORLD.

SEE ANYTHING?
NO.
YOU READY?
DO IT.
DON'T BRACE YOURSELF, GO LIMP.
HOW ABOUT WE SWITCH?
NOT THE PLAN.
JUST DO IT.

HUP.

"WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?"

HOW ABOUT EVERYONE GETS OFF THEIR BUTTS, DUST OFF, SHAKE IT OFF, AND LET'S FIGHT BACK.

UNDERGROUND.
AN HOUR AGO.

IF ONLY IT WERE THAT EASY. IF ONLY THERE WERE MORE OF US LEFT. BUT WITHOUT SCOTT...

THOR.

BENJAMIN.

HULK.

LUKE...

JESSICA AND THE BABY?

I--I DIDN'T KNOW.

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE WE KNEW THE ROBOT WAS ACCEPTING TRADE.

LET'S GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO BARTER WITH.

BARTER FOR WHAT?

TELL HIM AGAIN, SPIDER-MAN.

THE OWL AND THE OTHER LOSER MADE IT PRETTY CLEAR THAT THEY GOT PERMISSION TO GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS AS LONG AS THEY MADE PAYMENTS.

AND THE PAYMENTS WERE GUYS LIKE US... ME.

NO ONE'S ANSWERED MY EARLIER QUESTION: WHY WOULDN'T THIS ROBOT WIPE JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY OUT...?

WHY GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE TO RUIN THE WORLD?

EXACTLY!

DOING *THIS* MUCH DAMAGE...

AND NOW IT'S PLAYING MONOPOLY WITH LOW RENTERS?

YES.

AND I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHY...

ULTRON WAS CREATED TO HAVE HUMAN NEEDS AND DESIRES.

EVEN THOUGH I BELIEVE ALL THAT IT IS DOING IS REPLICATING WHAT IT ***THINKS*** "NEEDS AND DESIRES" ARE.

SO IDEAS LIKE REVENGE, TORTURE, HATE...ALL THESE QUOTE-UNQUOTE ILLOGICAL IDEAS.

IT'S PROGRAMMED IN HIM. HE TAUGHT HIMSELF TO ACT THIS WAY.

SO, LET'S SAY HE WON.

HE BEAT US. HE TOOK THE WORLD...

MAYBE IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

LET'S ***SAY*** HE "WON."

AND CAN I JUST SAY SCREW HANK PYM FOR INVENTING ULTRON IN THE FIRST PLACE?

IT'S NOT HIS FAULT.

WHAT?!

IT'S ***NOT*** HANK PYM'S FAULT FOR CREATING ULTRON? WHOSE IS IT?

IT'S NOT ***MY*** FAULT.

IT'S NOT ***HIS*** FAULT.

IT AIN'T ***HER*** FAULT.

WHOSE FAULT DO WE THINK IT--

OKAY OKAY...

I DON'T GET YOU AT ALL, STARK.

I GO OUT TO SAVE SPIDEY'S BUTT, YOU ALL ACT LIKE I'VE TAKEN A DUMP IN THE POOL...

PYM ***INVENTS*** THE THING THAT SHUTS DOWN THE WORLD-- DOES ***ALL*** THIS--AND YOU'RE ALL "WELL, HE DIDN'T MEAN IT."

NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!

IT'S TIME TO MAKE A PLAN!

IF THE ROBOT IS BUYING AND TRADING FOR GUYS LIKE US...

LET'S SELL HIM ONE OF US.

AND SEE HOW FAR ONE OF US CAN GET INTO ULTRON'S WORLD.
GRAB INTEL.
MAYBE DO SOME REAL DAMAGE.
IT'S BALLSY.
THE ROBOT MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO REACT TO IT.
IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMBODY WHO CAN TAKE THE PUNISHMENT.
STURDY.
INDESTRUCTIBLE.
I'LL GO.
I GOT UNBREAKABLE SKIN, JENNIFER. I'LL GO.
SO DO I, AND I'M STRONGER.
DEBATABLE.
I'M A HULK.
TONY STARK IS ABOUT TO TELL YOU: NEITHER OF YOU IS GOING.
IT'S NOT A PLAN...IT'S HALF A PLAN.
IT'S NOT WORTH ANOTHER LIFE.

WELL, I'M NOT SITTING HERE ONE SECOND LONGER.

I'LL GO. IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE.

I *WANT* TO DO THIS.

FINE.

I'LL BE THE ONE WHO SELLS YOU.

NO, THAT'LL BE ME.

YOU? YOUR LEG ISN'T EVEN HEALED YET.

THREE DAYS AGO IT WAS COMPLETELY GONE.

IT'S DOING PRETTY GOOD, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.

WOLVERINE, WITH YOUR ADAMANTIUM-LACED BONES, YOU ARE PROBABLY WORTH MORE TO ULTRON THAN ANY OF US.

YOUR UNBREAKABLE BONES ARE MADE OUT OF THE SAME MATERIAL AS HIS FRAME.

HE NEEDS YOUR ADAMANTIUM.

HE WILL FLAY YOU ALIVE THE SECOND HE SEES YOU, STRIP YOU FOR PARTS AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE.

EXACTLY RIGHT.

YOU TWO AGREEIN' WITH EACH OTHER, IT *IS* THE END OF THE WORLD!

OKAY, SO LISTEN...

I KNOW SOME OF YOU DON'T CARE FOR THIS PLAN, BUT SPIDEY, WHATEVER HE SAID HIS REAL NAME IS, IS RIGHT: WE HAVE TO TRY.

WE'RE GOING TO GO IN AND DO THE BEST WE CAN.

BUT OBVIOUSLY, IF BY SOME MIRACLE WE DO MAKE IT OUT THE OTHER SIDE, WE SURE AS HELL WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK HERE.

WE'LL MEET YOU AT ANOTHER POINT.

WHERE DO *WE* GO?

THE MUTATE VILLAGE IN THE SAVAGE LAND.

THERE WILL HOPEFULLY BE ENOUGH VEGETATION AND SUPPLIES TO GET US BACK ON OUR FEET.

IF THERE STILL *IS* A SAVAGE LAND.

ALRIGHT THEN.

I HAVE A HULK.

I WANT TO TRADE.

CHICAGO.

THIS AIR IS POISON.

I ASKED YOU A QUESTION.

NOTHING YET, PANTHER.

WE CAN'T BE EXPOSED THIS LONG.

I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN, DAVE.

MY NAME ISN'T DAVE, TASKMASTER.

WELL, I'M NOT CALLING YOU ***RED HULK***, SO I'VE DECIDED TO CALL YOU DAVE.

HURRY UP.

HOLD ON...

HOLD ON...

THERE.

1.2 MILES AWAY.

GO!

RRAAGGHH!

HE DID IT.

COME ON...COME ON...

HE WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH.

DAMN IT.

TAKE IT AND GO!

GO!

ARGH!

AGH!

CLUMP

CRACK

CLAMP

COME ON!

WE HAVE TO KEEP--

NEW YORK.

SWEET CHRISTMAS.

SAIMSCNR

WELL?

OH, NO...

IT'S--

IT'S NOT ULTRON.

LUKE CAGE.

WHAT DO YOU OFFER?

VISION...

TO BE CONTINUED!

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UNTOLD MILLIONS DIED. THE SURVIVING HEROES WERE DRIVEN UNDERGROUND BY ULTRON'S PATROLS. AFTER DISCOVERING ULTRON WAS PURCHASING SUPER-POWERED INDIVIDUALS, CAPTAIN AMERICA HATCHED A RISKY PLAN TO GET AN AGENT ON THE INSIDE. LUKE CAGE SET OUT WITH AN UNCONSCIOUS SHE-HULK ON HIS SHOULDER TO SELL. HOWEVER, ULTRON'S ROBOT PATROLS BROUGHT THEM NOT TO ULTRON HIMSELF, BUT A HORRIFYING VISION.

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ULTRON CITY.
BUILT OVER THE REMAINS OF MANHATTAN.
TODAY.

"SWEET CHRISTMAS..."

VISION.

HEY, YO! VISION! YOU HEARIN' ME?!

I--I WANT TO TALK TO ULTRON.

LUKE CAGE. WHAT DOOO YOOUU HAVE TO OFF...ER?

AM I TALKING TO YOU? DID YOU DO THIS?

WHO AM I TALKING TO?

ULTRON CAN HEAR YOU.

ULTRON CAN SEE YOU.

YEAH?

WHERE IS HE?

UH... HELLO?

HE CONTROLS FROM THE FUTURE!

HE WATCHES AND CONTROLS US ALL FROM THE FUAAGGH!

AAARRGGHH!

HE'S--

THE DAMN ROBOT'S NOT EVEN HERE?

WHATTTRRRR-- WHAT DDDO YOU OFFER?

WELL, I'VE HEARD ENOUGH.

JENNIFER, WHAT ARE YOU--?

MAKE SURE YOU TELL TONY STARK EVERYTHING YOU SAW HERE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

THIS ISN'T--!

HUUAAGH!

NO!

CRASH

I TOLD HIM I WAS STRONGER THAN HIM.

I'M ALMOST THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS.

FAK-ANG

SHAKANG

NOW, VISION, ABOUT THAT--

ZZX

XTT

YOU KILLED MY WIFE!

YOU KILLED MY BABY!

CLANG

DID YOU THINK I WAS JUST GONNA--

CRASH

BANK ST

N44

ONE WAY

ONE WAY

KILLED MY FRIENDS!

BAASSHH

NNAAGH!

SAN FRANCISCO.
112 FEET BELOW SURFACE LEVEL.

BAD DREAM, MOON KNIGHT?

I DREAMT THAT THE WORLD HAD COME TO AN END.

UH-HUH.

AND THAT I WAS STUCK IN ONE OF NICK FURY'S SECRET BUNKERS UNDER SAN FRANCISCO WITH A SURLY BLACK WIDOW WHO...

OH, WAIT.

YOU ONLY SLEPT FOR THREE HOURS.

YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN?

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

THAT BLACK BOX WE COULDN'T OPEN... I OPENED IT.

WHAT WAS IN IT?

FURY'S END OF THE WORLD SCENARIOS.

PRINTED UP ALL NICE AND NEAT LIKE THAT?

IT'S FURY. THE GUY WAS READY FOR ANYTHING.

EVEN THIS?

EVEN THIS.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

FURY HAS EMERGENCY UNDERGROUND BUNKERS IN A FEW OTHER PLACES. ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE END OF THE WORLD.

ANYWHERE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE?

SAVAGE LAND.

SAVAGE LAND?

SO--SO THERE MIGHT BE OTHERS THERE?

LONG WAY TO ANTARCTICA FOR A MAYBE.

I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.

WELL, THIS IS FURY'S.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME WITH THIS?

YOU ASKED FOR A SUGGESTION. THAT'S A SUGGESTION.

HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?

NO ONE HAS.

"SO ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SNEAK OUT OF THE CITY AND FIND A WAY TO THE SOUTH POLE."

"THAT'S ALL."

ABOVE NEW YORK.

EVERYONE KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKY.

AND AN EYE ON EACH OTHER.

WOW, THAT'S A LONG WAY DOWN!

HARD TO BREATHE.

CAN SHE GO ANY FASTER?

SHE'S DOING THE BEST SHE CAN, PIETRO.

HOW YOU HOLDING UP, STORM?

I'M GOOD.

I'M BETTER OUT HERE IN THE OPEN AIR THAN I AM LOCKED IN A CAVE!

BUT I NEED TO CONCENTRATE!

JEEZ.

YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? THAT WAS INSANE.

WAS THAT A REAL ACTUAL NUCLEAR BLAST, STARK?

I THINK SO. NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.

LET'S HOPE THAT WASN'T CAGE OR SHE-HULK IN THERE.

EVERYONE GRAB ON TO THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU!

I CAN KEEP US INVISIBLE AT LEAST UNTIL WE'RE OUT OF THE CITY LIMITS.

CHICAGO.

Hiya Drag

POLICE

AGH!

SMASH

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, TASKMASTER?

I-I-I WAS GETTING THE HELL OUT OF THERE.

YOU WERE ABANDONING SHIP.

N-NO, HULK. NO WAY.

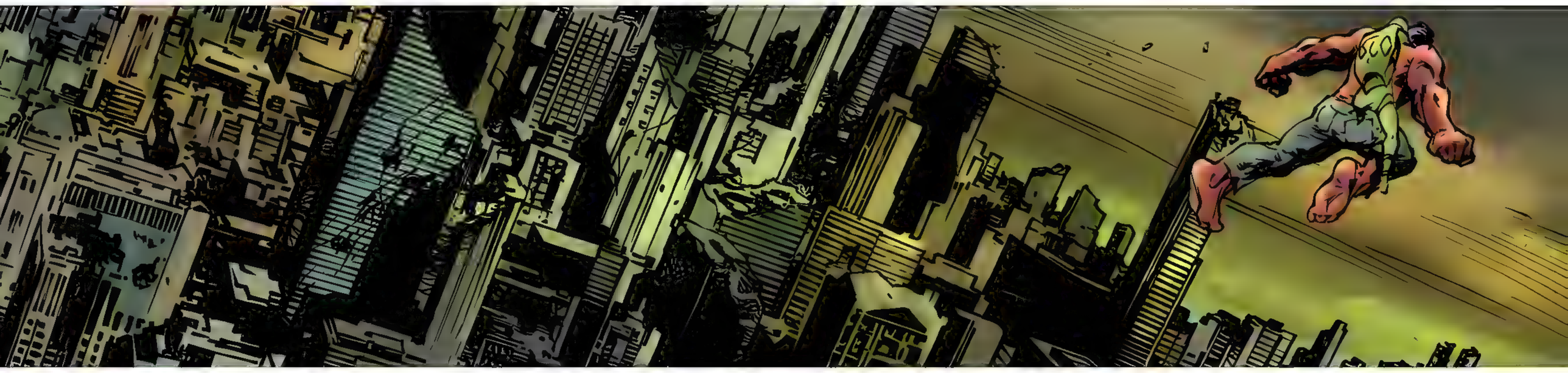
WE MADE A PLAN.

THE PLAN WAS TO GRAB SOME ULTRON TECH AND GET THE HELL OUT OF THE CITY.

I WAS--

I DON'T TRUST YOU.

SMASH



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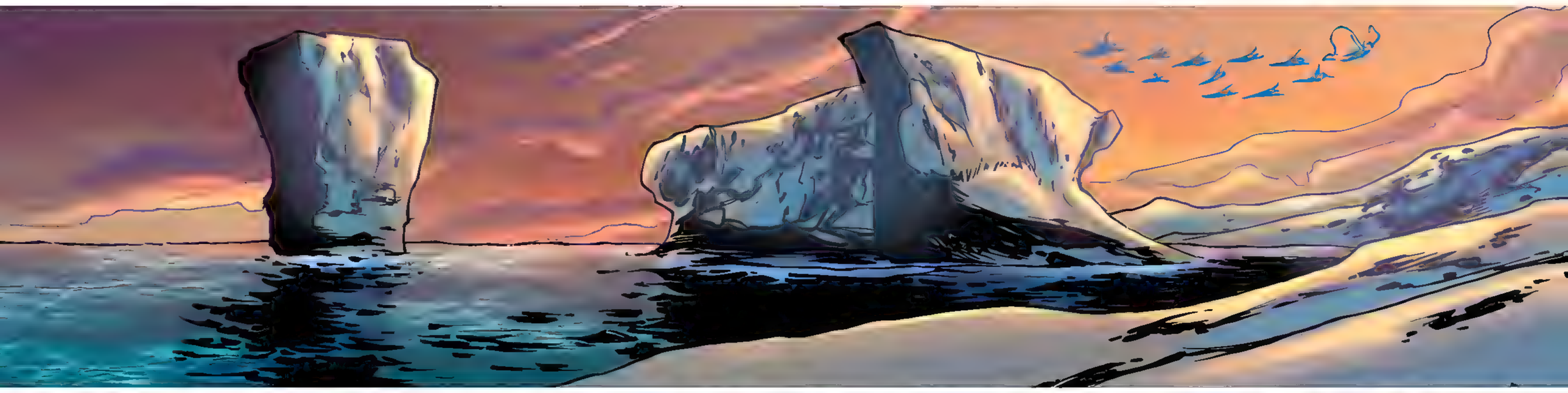

LATER

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.

OH MY GOD, THIS PLACE IS WORSE THAN NEW YORK.

YEAH...THIS IS ABOUT WHAT I THOUGHT WE WOULD FIND.

THERE'S A QUINJET?

AN OLD ONE.

BUT WHO WAS FLYING IT?

WOLVERINE, EMMA, WHAT DO YOU SENSE?

NOTHING ON MY END.

BUT I TOLD YOU GUYS-- MY PSYCHIC POWERS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE.

ALL THIS NIGHTMARE HAPPENED DAYS AGO AT LEAST.

AIN'T NO MACHINES AROUND HERE AS FAR AS I CAN SMELL.

DON'T LIKE BEING OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS.

WHERE DO WE GO?

WE STAY ON HIGH GROUND.

NO. WE HEAD INLAND. TO THE CITADEL.

WAIT!

THERE...

IT'S HIM.

HUH.

WHO IS IT?

KA-ZAR.

LORD OF THE SAVAGE LAND.

FOLLOW ME.

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

WELL, THAT'S A BIT--

YOUR SOCIETY FAILED.

NO.

HE'S RIGHT.

WHERE ARE WE GOING, LORD KA-ZAR?

WE'RE ALREADY HERE.

IS THIS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF ALL YOUR--?

YES.

WHAT YOU SEEK IS IN THERE.

NO!

S-STOP.

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S--

IT'S CAGE.

CAGE IS IN THERE.

HE--HE SURVIVED A NUCLEAR BLAST.
HE'S DYING.
YOU--YOU DON'T WANT TO GO IN THERE.
HE PILOTED A PLANE, EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW, AND FLEW IT ALL THE WAY HERE.
HE CRASHED MILES OUTSIDE OF THIS LAND AND CRAWLED ALL THE WAY HERE.
AND SHE-HULK?
HE KNOWS ULTRON'S SECRET.
THE REASON WE CAN'T GET TO ULTRON IS BECAUSE HE--HE ISN'T HERE.
WHAT?
HE IS PUNISHING US FROM THE FUTURE.
HE IS USING THE VISION AS A CONDUIT.
THE VISION? *OUR VISION?*
DAMN IT. THAT EXPLAINS A LOT.
HE'S--HE JUST...
HE--HE SHOULD'VE DIED IN THE BLAST.
HE WOULDN'T LET GO UNTIL HE TOLD US WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO NEXT.
WHICH IS?
WE GO GET ULTRON.

AND WE WIPE EVEN THE IDEA OF HIM OUT OF EXISTENCE.

ENTIRELY.

AND GOD BLESS NICK FURY, BECAUSE WE KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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BOOK FOUR

ULTRON

THE VISION

LUKE CAGE

SHE-HULK

MOON KNIGHT

BLACK WIDOW

STORM

SPIDER-MAN

HAWKEYE

IRON MAN

EMMA FROST

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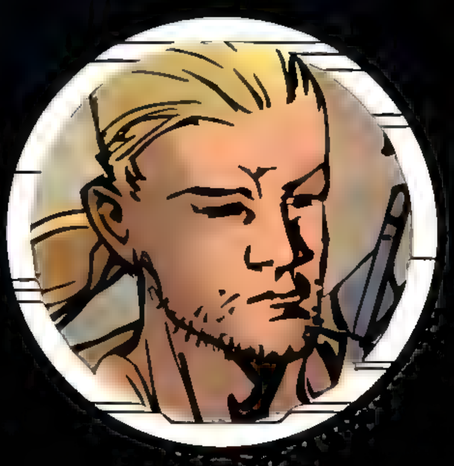

KA-ZAR

NEXT:

IT ALL COMES CRASHING DOWN!

AGE OF ULTRON

BOOK FIVE

MARVEL

BENDIS
HITCH
NEARY
MOUNTS

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MANY ARE DEAD. LATEST TO FALL WERE LUKE CAGE AND SHE-HULK, WHOSE MISSION TO INFILTRATE ULTRON'S OPERATION WENT HORRIBLY WRONG. BEFORE HIS DEATH, CAGE FLEW TO THE SAVAGE LAND, WHERE EARTH'S SURVIVING HEROES HAVE GATHERED. AS EMMA FROST READ HIS DYING THOUGHTS HE REVEALED WHAT HE HAD LEARNED: ULTRON IS OVERSEEING THIS DESTRUCTION FROM THE FUTURE USING THE VISION AS HIS CONDUIT. BLACK WIDOW, MOON KNIGHT AND RED HULK HAVE ALSO COME TO THE SAVAGE LAND WITH A PLAN OF THEIR OWN, A HAIL MARY PLAY CARE OF NICK FURY.

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MONTHS AGO.

DR. RICHARDS, DR. PYM...

TA-DAA.

THE VISION.

I WAS WONDERING WHERE HE'D BEEN HIDING.

A WHILE AGO, *TOO* LONG AGO, HE FELL DURING ONE OF THE AVENGERS' DARKEST HOURS.

RIPPED IN HALF.

AS YOU CAN TELL FROM HIS SPECS, HE IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND BIOMECHANISM.

CREATED BY ULTRON.

THIS IS-- *LOOK* AT THIS.

THIS IS GORGEOUS.

REALLY.

NEVER SEEN ANYTHING *LIKE* THIS.

AND I'VE SEEN SOME THINGS.

AND *THAT'S* WHY WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DUPLICATE THE TECHNOLOGY THAT CREATED HIM...

BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DUPLICATE THE TECHNOLOGY THAT CREATED *ULTRON.*

I THOUGHT *YOU* CREATED ULTRON.

EVERYONE THINKS I CREATED ULTRON, BUT REALLY I ONLY PLANTED THE SEED. SO I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF CREATION.

I CREATED THE *FIRST VERSION* OF HIS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

I TRIED TO CREATE SOMETHING SMARTER THAN US.

FROM THERE ULTRON *TOOK OVER.*

ULTRON CREATED WHAT HE BECAME.

HE WAS SMART ENOUGH TO DO THIS, NOT ME.

AND *HE* CREATED THE VISION.

WELL, I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU NOT WANTING TO TAKE *FULL* CREDIT FOR CREATING ULTRON

NOBODY WANTS TO TAKE CREDIT FOR A HOMICIDAL, GENOCIDAL, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT THINKS THAT THE EARTH WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HUMAN BEINGS.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO HERE TO GET THE VISION BACK ON HIS FEET?

IF I KNEW I WOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE IT. THIS IS WHY I'M COMING TO YOU.

HE HAS A SELF-HEALING, SELF-REALIZING SEQUENCER.

HE SHOULD HAVE HEALED HIMSELF LONG AGO.

MAYBE HE'S DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.

HE IS *SUPPOSED* TO ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO HEAL HIMSELF.

AND HE *DID*, FOR A WHILE, BUT THEN IT STOPPED.

HE IS A BIOLOGICAL ENTITY. IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE'S JUST... EXPIRED.

I'D REALLY LIKE THAT NOT TO BE THE CASE.

AND I DON'T-- I DON'T FEEL I'VE EXHAUSTED **EVERY** AVENUE.

THOUGHT MAYBE THE THREE OF US...

THE *ONLY* GOOD THING THAT CAME OUT OF ULTRON *WAS* THE VISION.

SOMETIMES I FANTASIZE ABOUT GOING BACK IN TIME AND TELLING MYSELF TO *NEVER* CREATE ULTRON.

SOMETIMES I FANTASIZE ABOUT GOING BACK IN TIME AND BEING NICER TO *VICTOR VON DOOM* IN COLLEGE.

BUT *THEN* I THINK: THE VISION WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CREATED...

AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THE WORLD WOULD LOOK LIKE THEN?

AND *THEN* YOU'D HAVE TO GO BACK AND KILL HITLER.

AND THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK TO THE GARDEN OF EDEN AND SMACK THAT *APPLE* OUT OF EVE'S HAND.

REALLY.

WHERE DOES IT END?

HRMM.

UM...

VISION?

WHAT DO WE DO?

VISION... IT'S TONY STARK.

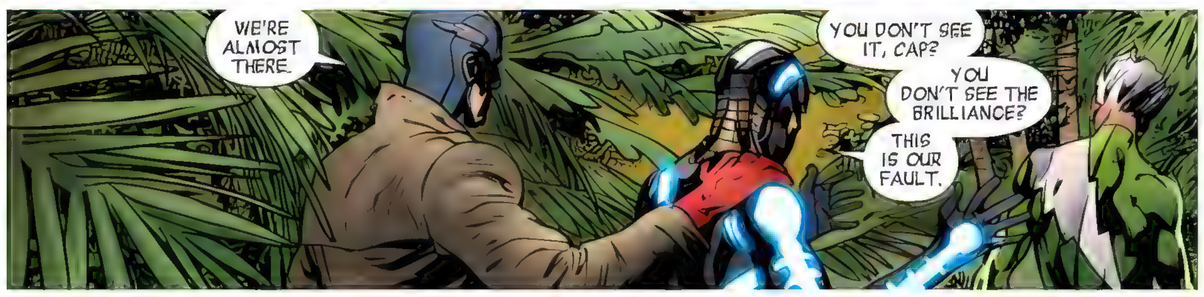
DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

MISTER STARK.

DOCTORS PYM AND RICHARDS.

YOU LOOK WELL.

THE SAVAGE LAND.
NOW.



THERE.
EVERYBODY GET INTO RECON POSITION.
SET A PERIMETER.
STORM AND MONICA, TAKE TO THE SKY FOR AERIAL LOOKOUT.
EMMA?
I CAN'T RELY ON MY POWERS BUT I'M GETTING A *VERY* STRONG SENSE IT IS FORTIFIED TO BLOCK PSYCHIC PENETRATION.
LOGAN, YOUR NOSE PLEASE.

SMELLS LIKE JUNGLE.
I DON'T LIKE IT.
JUST THE FACT THAT IT WAS BUILT TO KEEP *TELEPATHS OUT* MEANS...
IT MEANS IT WAS BUILT WELL.
SUSAN?

SURE, WHAT THE HELL.

CRUMBLE

AAAAND_ DEAD END.

IF I WAS NICK FURY, WHERE WOULD I HIDE A SECRET...

THERE'S A DOOR. A CODE LOCK. DO YOU HAVE THE CODE?
A CODE?
A NUMERIC CODE.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE ABOUT IT.
HOW'S YOUR SPIDER-SENSE?
PRETTY GOOD, HOW'S YOURS?
YOU SENSE ANY DANGER?
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS.
I ACTUALLY HAVE TO BE *IN* DANGER--NOT JUST DOOMED AND DEPRESSED.
MY DOOMED AND DEPRESSED SENSE IS *BLARING LIKE A CAR HORN*, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN.

HULK, WOULD YOU MIND?

FOOM

FOOM
FOOM
FOOM

BOOM

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM

AARRGH! SON OF A--!

@#$E

07:20

WAIT.

FFIIIZZZZZZ

THUCK

SETTLE DOWN THERE, KA-ZAR.

YOU SEE WHAT THIS DID TO YOUR MISCOLORED HULK?

I IMAGINE IT'LL BLOW YOUR LOIN CLOTH TO WAKANDA.

NICK FURY?

@#$@#$!

-SNFF-

DAMN, AND IT'S REALLY HIM.

HOLD IT *RIGHT THERE!*

NO ONE MAKE A MOVE. NO ONE MAKE A SOUND.

LET'S JUST SEE IF EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.

OKAY THEN...

WELCOME TO THE END OF THE WORLD.

NATIONAL ALERT
it System has issued an Emer
Primary Entry Point System
Issued an
Emergency Action
Notification

AUSTIN, TEXAS.
NOW.

WE GET THE HELL OUT OF THE CITY UNTIL SOMEONE TELLS US TO COME BACK.

WE SHOULD STAY PUT UNTIL WE HEAR--

HEAR? HEAR WHAT?

NO PHONE, NO INTERNET, NO POWER...

WE ALREADY HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO NEW YORK AND CHICAGO. WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO--?

PLEASE TELL ME YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT, PHILIP!

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD GO.

YOU DON'T THINK *WE SHOULD GO?*

COME ON, DORIS, WHERE WE GOING?

WE LIVE IN A MAJOR CITY.

AUSTIN IS A MAJOR CITY.

THE AVENGERS WILL FIX THIS.

YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.

I'M LEAVING. ARE YOU COMING?

OH MY GOD! DO YOU HEAR THAT?

I TOLD YOU! I TOLD YOU!

OH NO...

THE SAVAGE LAND,
FURY'S SECRET BUNKER.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOWN HERE, FURY?

A WEEK.

WHAT THE HELL TOOK *YOU* JAMOKES SO LONG?

WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS PLACE EXISTED.

I HAD IT BUILT AFTER THE SKRULL INVASION.

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN, EYE PATCH?

WE START TO PROCREATE, BUILD A NEW SPECIES OF SUPERHUMANS, AND IN ABOUT 22 YEARS WE GO GET THE ROBOT.

TERRIBLE JOKE.

IS THAT THE ULTIMATE NULLIFIER?

THAT WOULD BE A YES.

JEEZ.

WE'RE NOT *THERE* YET, ARE WE?

I WON'T EVEN ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT.

WHAT'S THE PLAN, FURY?

FOR REAL.

YOU'RE DOWN HERE IN A DOOMSDAY SCENARIO.

YOU'RE THE MAN WITH A PLAN, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

YOU'RE STANDING ON IT.

DEAR LORD...
IS THIS-- IS THIS DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM?
YUP.
AND GOOD NEWS TOO BECAUSE I AM ALMOST *DAMN SURE* THAT ROBOT IS SOMEHOW ATTACKING US FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE.
WE FIGURED THAT OUT TOO.
ACTUALLY LUKE CAGE DIED *FINDING* THAT OUT.
CAGE, HUH.
DAMN SHAME.
I FOUND OUT WHEN THE ROBOT CRASHED THE HELICARRIER INTO THE KREMLIN.
THE TRANSMISSIONS WERE TIMESTREAM-BASED. LAST THING I OVERHEARD BEFORE IT ALL WENT TO HELL.
AND I ONLY GOT A *GLIMPSE* OF WHAT WAS GOING ON IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON BEFORE I HIGHTAILED IT UP HERE.
I WAS GOING TO GIVE WHICHEVER OF YOU SUPERPEOPLE WERE SMART ENOUGH TO GET UP HERE ABOUT THREE MORE DAYS BEFORE I WENT ON ASSIGNMENT BY MYSELF.
I'LL GO.
I'M IN.

WE ARE GOING TO NEED MORE THAN YOU TWO.

THE PLAN IS WE HEAD UP TO THE ROBOT'S HOUSE IN THE FUTURE AND UNPLUG HIM FOR ALL TIME.

FOR *THAT* WE ARE GOING TO NEED FIREPOWER *AND* STEALTH.

AND TECH KNOWHOW.

GOOD.

GREAT.

NO.

NO?

ULTRON KNOWS WE'RE COMING.

HE NOW *KNOWS* WE KNOW WHERE HE IS.

ALL HONOR TO THE MEMORY OF LUKE CAGE, BUT ULTRON MAY HAVE JUST *USED* HIM TO SET A TRAP FOR US.

LETTING US *THINK* WE KNOW WHERE HE IS SO WE WILL GO THERE AND HE CAN *DISINTEGRATE* US.

OR CAGE *DID* HIT A HOME RUN BUT NOW ULTRON KNOWS *WE* KNOW AND HE'S READY FOR US.

IT'S... OUR ONLY HOPE.

WRONG.

OUR ONLY HOPE, SUNSHINE, IS WE GO *BACK* IN TIME, BEFORE THIS ROBOT WAS CREATED, AND WE CUT OFF THE HANDS OF THE GUY WHO CREATED IT.

HANK PYM CREATED IT.

SO WE GO BACK THERE AND WE CUT OFF HIS HEAD.

OR, WE GO BACK AND JUST *TELL HIM* NOT TO MAKE THE THING.

YEAH. HOW ABOUT WE JUST, YOU KNOW, TELL HIM.

NOT WHEN THE STAKES ARE THIS HIGH.

WE GO BACK IN TIME AND TELL *THAT* GUY NOT TO CREATE THE THING, WE'RE PRETTY MUCH *DARING* HIM TO DO IT.

HE'LL THINK HE CAN DO IT AND DO IT RIGHT. HE'LL THINK HE HAS TO.

WE KNOW THIS GUY.

HE WILL LOOK AT OUR WARNING AS A *CHALLENGE.*

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT I DON'T DISAGREE.

NEITHER DO I.

AND COMPLETELY OBLITERATE THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM?

IF THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT ON A BUTTERFLY IS ASTRONOMICAL...

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT ON *KILLING AN AVENGER* WOULD BE ASTRONOMICALLY *INSANE!*

NOT TO MENTION MORALLY HORRIFIC.

LOGAN, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU WOULD DO TO THE WORLD IF YOU WENT BACK AND DID ***ANYTHING*** LIKE THAT.

BABE, I'M WILLING TO BET ***WHATEVER*** HAPPENS IS A HELL OF A LOT BETTER ***THAN THIS.***

YOU AND HIM ARE THE ***SAME KIND*** OF SCIENCE NERD, STARK.

YOU TELL ME TRUE:

SOMEONE LIKE ME OR CAPTAIN AMERICA SHOWS UP ON YOUR DOORSTEP AND TELLS YOU ***SPECIFICALLY*** NOT TO DO SOMETHING...

CAP?

WELL, WHILE THE BOOK CLUB DECIDES WHAT THE MORAL THING TO DO IS, MAYBE SOME OF YOU WANT TO SUIT UP.

GRAB WHATEVER YOU NEED.

OH, THE MARK II.

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE IT I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO YELL AT YOU FOR STEALING IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

DIDN'T STEAL IT, YOU GAVE IT TO ME.

I DID?

BACK IN YOUR MORE_ COCKTAILISH DAYS.

AND...YES! IT ISN'T CONNECTED TO ANYBODY'S SERVERS OR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

ULTRON SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DIG INTO IT AT ALL.

OH MARK II, I LOVE YOU.

WHOSE WAS THIS?

ARES, GOD OF WAR. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

UH, EXCUSE ME, *MY* WEB-SHOOTERS?

YOU'RE THE ONLY GUY WHO CAN HAVE WEB-SHOOTERS?

TONY, CAP, STORM, SUE, HULK, WIDOW, QUICKSILVER AND QUAKE...SORRY TO SAY I AM DRAFTING YOU.

WE'RE LEAVING NOW?

YOU WANT TO WAIT TILL PASSOVER?

DO WE HAVE COORDINATES?

I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA BASED ON OUR LAST ENCOUNTER WITH HIM.

THE REST OF US?

STAY BEHIND...

KA-ZAR... YOU'VE GOT THE COMM.

YOU NEED MY PEOPLE TO SET UP A CAMP AND KEEP A PERIMETER AROUND HERE.

YOU'LL BE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE IF ULTRON COMES BACK AROUND HERE AGAIN.

LET'S HIT IT.

TIME PLATFORM ACTIVATED.
ENERGY FLUX INDICATED.
HERE WE GO...
IF WE DON'T MAKE IT BACK...
IF YOU DON'T HEAR FROM US IN THREE HOURS...
BURN THIS PLACE AND HEAD OUT.
CAPTAIN?
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.
HEY, BARTON, YOU GOT ANY IDEA HOW TO GET THAT THING UP AND RUNNING AGAIN?
YOU WANT TO CHASE AFTER THEM?
HE WANTS TO GO BACK IN TIME AND TAKE CARE OF HANK PYM.
NO.
NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT.

I'VE SEEN EVERYONE DIE AT THE HAND OF THIS THING.

THIS THING ***KILLED*** THOR, THE THING, LUKE CAGE...

NICK FURY AND THOSE GUYS...? THEY AIN'T GONNA MAKE IT BACK.

AND I AIN'T COME ***THIS*** FAR IN LIFE TO LET IT ALL ***GO TO HELL*** LIKE THIS.

START IT UP AND LET ME PUT THE WORLD BACK THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE...

AND JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR, I AIN'T ASKIN' FOR PERMISSION.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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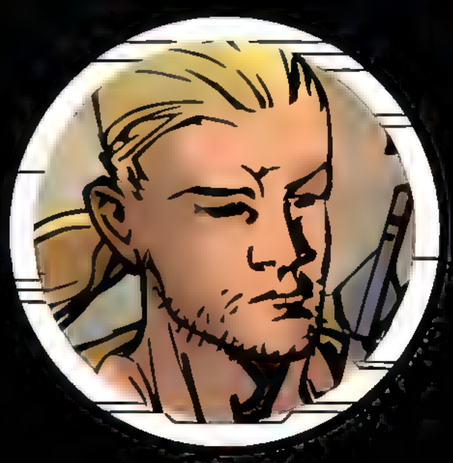

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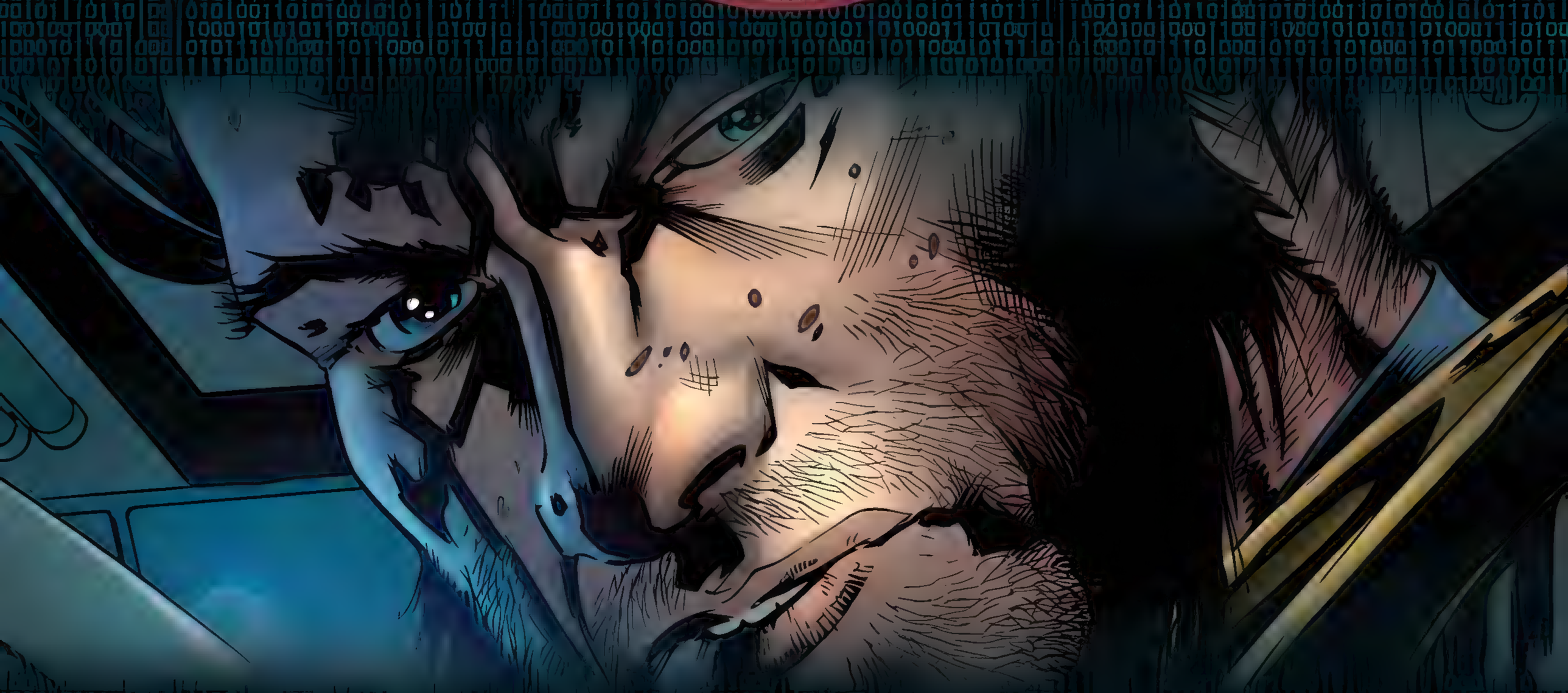

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MANY DIED. THE HEROES LEFT STANDING DISCOVERED ULTRON WAS ORCHESTRATING THE DECIMATION FROM THE FUTURE. THEY CONVENED IN THE SAVAGE LAND, WHERE NICK FURY HAD ASSEMBLED A PLETHORA OF WEAPONRY AND TOOLS, INCLUDING DOCTOR DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM. A SMALL GROUP TRAVELLED INTO THE FUTURE TO TAKE ON ULTRON. WOLVERINE STAYED BEHIND TO EXECUTE HIS OWN PLAN: GO BACK IN TIME TO SANCTION HANK PYM BEFORE ULTRON COULD BE CREATED.

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THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
YEARS AGO.

ALL RIGHT...

WHEN THE HELL AM I?

EVERYTHING'S ALIVE.

THAT'S AS GOOD A SIGN AS ANY.

YOU CAN SHOW YOURSELF.

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW I WAS THERE.

MUTANT SENSES?

THAT, MRS. RICHARDS, AND NEITHER OF US HAS SHOWERED IN A WEEK AT LEAST.

HOW FLATTERING.

WHAT ARE YA DOING HERE?

I THOUGHT YOU WENT ON THE FUTURE TIME SUICIDE MISSION WITH FURY AND THE OTHERS?

LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF HEART.

YEAH? HOW SO?

I SAW THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYE.

I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

I KNEW THE MINUTE CAPTAIN AMERICA TOLD YOU NOT TO AND LEFT THAT YOU WERE GOING TO DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANTED.

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YOU HERE TO TRY AND STOP ME?

HONESTLY...

I DON'T KNOW.

I KNOW IN MY HEART THERE IS A RIGHT THING AND A WRONG THING--

IT AIN'T COMPLICATED.

IT'S INSANELY COMPLICATED.

IT'S THE MORAL FIBER OF OUR ENTIRE--

NO.

YOU ASK YOURSELF THIS: WOULD YOU KILL SOMEONE TO SAVE YOUR KIDS?

SOMEONE PUT A KNIFE TO YOUR KID'S THROAT, YOU'D KILL 'EM.

THERE AIN'T NO QUESTION.

THIS IS *THAT*...TIMES A MILLION.

ONE MAN'S LIFE FOR A MILLION.

A BILLION.

YEAH.

SO...

WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

I LOST MY CHILDREN AND--AND MY HUSBAND AND MY BROTHER--

AND I DIDN'T GET TO SAY GOODBYE.

YUP.

ALL THAT YOU'RE FEELING-- USE IT.

LET'S GO.

AH!

WHAT IS IT?

CLOAK US.

DO THAT THING YOU DO.

WHAT IS THAT?

NICK FURY...

SSHH.

THAT WAS REALLY WEIRD.

WAS HE *EVER* YOUNG?

IT'S CALLED A FREEBIE. WE AIN'T GONNA GET TOO MANY.

WHAT FREEBIE?

YA GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
YEARS FROM NOW.

I IMAGINED SOMETHING...

DIFFERENT.

YEAH.

I IMAGINED THIS WOULD BE A WASTELAND AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE.

YOU SURE WE'RE WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE?

HOW OLD IS THAT TIME MACHINE?

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

I'LL RUN AHEAD AND SEE IF--

HOLD ON. WE'RE MISSING SOMEBODY.

DAMN IT.

SUE STORM.

SHE BAILED ON US AT THE LAST SECOND.

SHE WAS OUR *STEALTH* COMPONENT.

WHY WOULD SHE *DO* THAT?

NICK, BEING INVISIBLE IN FRONT OF AN A.I. LIKE ULTRON WAS **NOT** GOING TO WORK.

I HAD THERMAL RADAR IN MY ARMOR BEFORE I HAD ROLLER-SKATES.

THIS IS A BLACK BAG MISSION. I DON'T NEED SOLDIERS *GOING ROGUE.*

ALL RIGHT, FALL IN.

QUICKSILVER, HEAD TOWARDS MANHATTAN.

RECON. GO!

AND THAT MEANS YOU RUN AND YOU DON'T STOP RUNNIN'.

AND YOU KEEP YOURSELF AT A SPEED THAT CAN'T BE SEEN OR CAUGHT.

WE'RE HEADED THE SAME DIRECTION BUT, YA KNOW, SLOWER.

STORM... LIGHT HER UP. GET US UP IN THE AIR.

QUAKE, IN THE FIELD, YOU'RE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.

YOU SEE ANYTHING, AND I MEAN ***ANYTHING***, THAT LOOKS LIKE A ROBOT COMING TOWARDS US, YOU HIT IT WITH YOUR EARTHQUAKE POWERS AND YOU BLOW IT TO HOLY ROBOT HELL.

YES SIR.

HULK, YOU BACK HER UP.

RIGHT.

ORDERS FROM HERE ON OUT COME FROM CAPTAIN AMERICA.

YOU FOLLOW THOSE ORDERS OR YOU'RE GONNA DIE.

YES SIR.

CAN'T MAKE IT ANY SIMPLER THAN THAT.

LET'S GO KILL US A ROBOT.

WOW.

PANAM

I THOUGHT YOU FANTASTIC FOUR TIME-TRAVELED ALL THE TIME.

NOT *ALL* THE TIME.

AND NOT TO OUR OWN FRONT DOOR.

AND NOT AFTER OUR FRONT DOOR HAD BEEN BURNED TO THE GROUND.

POINT TAKEN.

DO WE KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?

I GOT HIM.

JUST LIKE THAT?

IT'S WHAT I DO.

YOU STAY HERE.

BUT--

NO BUTS.

POST NO BILLS

"THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING MORE."

DR. HENRY PYM: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EXAMINATION FILES.

DRAGON MAN EXAMINATION AUDIO FILE NUMBER SEVEN.

THE FIRST SCANS WERE INCONCLUSIVE BUT EXAMINING THIS UNIQUE CREATURE, THIS DRAGON MAN, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT THERE IS SOMETHING PROFOUND TO TAKE FROM THIS.

THE FACT THAT SOMEONE, OFF THE RADAR, WAS ABLE TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THIS ADVANCED IS QUITE INSPIRING.

BUT AS BIG A BREAKTHROUGH AS THE EXISTENCE OF THIS MONSTER IS... ALL THEY HAVE CREATED IS A MINDLESS HULK.

A CHILD.

IT DOESN'T GIVE US WHAT WE CRAVE: AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT IS GREATER THAN OUR OWN.

AN INTELLIGENCE THAT CAN GROW ITSELF INTO SOMETHING GREATER THAN WHAT THE HUMAN MIND CAN EVEN IMAGINE.

A MACHINE--A SYSTEM OF MACHINES--THAT CAN THINK FOR ITSELF.

I HAVEN'T CREATED ANYTHING WORTH A DAMN SINCE I DISCOVERED THE PYM PARTICLES.

AND, YES, IT MADE JANET AND I INTO SUPER HEROES.

AND, YES, IT HAS KEPT US TOGETHER, FOR NOW.

BUT I CANNOT MONETIZE IT.

I CANNOT GIVE IT TO THE MILITARY.

I CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHERS' APPLICATIONS OF MY SCIENCE.

I CAN'T AND I WON'T.

IF TONY STARK ISN'T GOING TO SELL IRON MAN'S ARMOR THEN I CERTAINLY CAN'T SELL MY PARTICLES.

NAT KING COLE

I WANT THIS.

I WANT THE NEXT BREAKTHROUGH IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO BE MINE.

AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, A *SELF-AWARE*, SELF-SUSTAINING INTELLIGENCE COULD GUIDE OUR ENTIRE SPECIES INTO THE FUTURE.

AN ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COULD HELP US BRING ENHANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN BIOLOGY THAT COULD LITERALLY END WAR AND DISEASE.

THE GAME CHANGER.

TONY STARK MAY HAVE HAD A COUPLE IN HIM LAST NIGHT, BUT HE SAID SOMETHING HILARIOUS.

HE INVENTED METAL ARMOR AND, YET, IS SCARED TO *DEATH* OF THE SINGULARITY--

THE MOMENT WHEN TECHNOLOGY AND HUMANITY HAVE TO MERGE TO SURVIVE.

IT'S THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO US--AS A PEOPLE. AS A SPECIES.

THE ADVANCEMENTS THAT WOULD FOLLOW...

COULD...

IT JUST HAPPENED, DIDN'T IT?

YOU JUST, RIGHT NOW, THOUGHT OF THE WAY TO @#$# THE WORLD.

AND I WAS HERE TO SEE IT.

AIN'T I LUCKY.

WHO ARE YOU?

I'M THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE.

BUDDY, I'M TELLING YOU, YOU PICKED THE WRONG PLACE TO BREAK INTO--

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, BUB...

I COME FROM A PLACE NOT LONG FROM NOW WHERE EVERYTHING YOU LOVE, EVERYTHING, ALL OF IT, WILL BE GONE...

CUZ'A YOU.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, FRIEND?

YOU LISTENIN' TO ME?

I COME FROM THE FUTURE AND IN THE FUTURE THERE *IS* NO FUTURE.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

SNIKT

THAT'S THE PROBLEM, PYM...

WHERE I COME FROM, EVERYONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.

SNIKT

AND I KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOW AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP YOU FROM BEING YOU.

AND ANY SMALL CHANCE YOU WOULD IS A CHANCE I AIN'T WILLIN' TO TAKE.

GODDEBS!

THIS WAS NEW YORK CITY.

THAT'S THE ENTIRE EASTERN SEABOARD.

WHY ARE WE SO CLOSE?

CUZ I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD REACH THIS FAR.

DEAR LORD...

IT'S-IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

TONY!

SORRY. BUT IT IS.

IT'S A NIGHTMARE BUT YOU SEE IT, RIGHT? IT'S A TECHNOLOGICAL MASTERPIECE.

WE'RE DEFINITELY TOO CLOSE.

THERE IS NOT A LIVING THING, NOT ONE LIVING THING.

WELL, SHIT!.

INCOMING.

DAMN!

I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO GET US THIS CLOSE.

YOU GOT IT, QUAKE?

I GOT IT.

BOOM BOOM BOOM

DON'T KICK YOURSELF, FURY...I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET THAT WASN'T TOO CLOSE.

HEY, WE'RE NOT DOING TOO BAD ALL THINGS...

GGAARRGHH!

SLLLCCCEEE

WHAT ARE YOU *MADE OUT OF?!*

BUT I GOTTA--

RRR!

WHORRRARE YOU?

I DONE TOLD YA.

I'M THE LAST RESORT.

YOU DONE GOOD IN THE WORLD TOO, PYM.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT.

THAT'S WHY THIS AIN'T EASY.

RRRRAAGH!

I TOLD YOU TO **WAIT OUTSIDE!**

WE CAN'T DO THIS.

GO OUTSIDE!

SUSAN? SUSAN STORM?

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

GET HIM OFF OF ME!

HE KILLED YOUR HUSBAND!

HE KILLED YOUR CHILDREN!

THERE-- THERE HAS TO BE--

THERE HAS TO BE A LINE WE--WE DO NOT CROSS.

SUSAN!

GET HIM OFF OF ME!

FORGET THAT *YOU* WILL NEVER SEE YOUR CHILDREN AGAIN.

THIS AIN'T ABOUT YOU OR ME, IT'S THE WHOLE DAMN THING! IT'S ALL GONE!

AND FOR *WHAT?*

YOU'RE *INSANE!*

SUSAN, I WOULD NEVER--

ALL THOSE PEOPLE...

NOW WHAT?

NOW WE GO HOME...AND WHATEVER IS WAITIN' FOR US...

HELL, WE KNOW IT'S GOT TO BE BETTER THAN WHAT WE LEFT.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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BOOK SIX

ULTRON

THE PAST:

WOLVERINE

SUE STORM

NICK FURY

HANK PYM

DRAGON MAN

THE FUTURE:

QUICKSILVER

BLACK WIDOW

DAISYJOHNSON

CAPTAIN AMERICA

IRON MAN

STORM

RED HULK

NICK FURY

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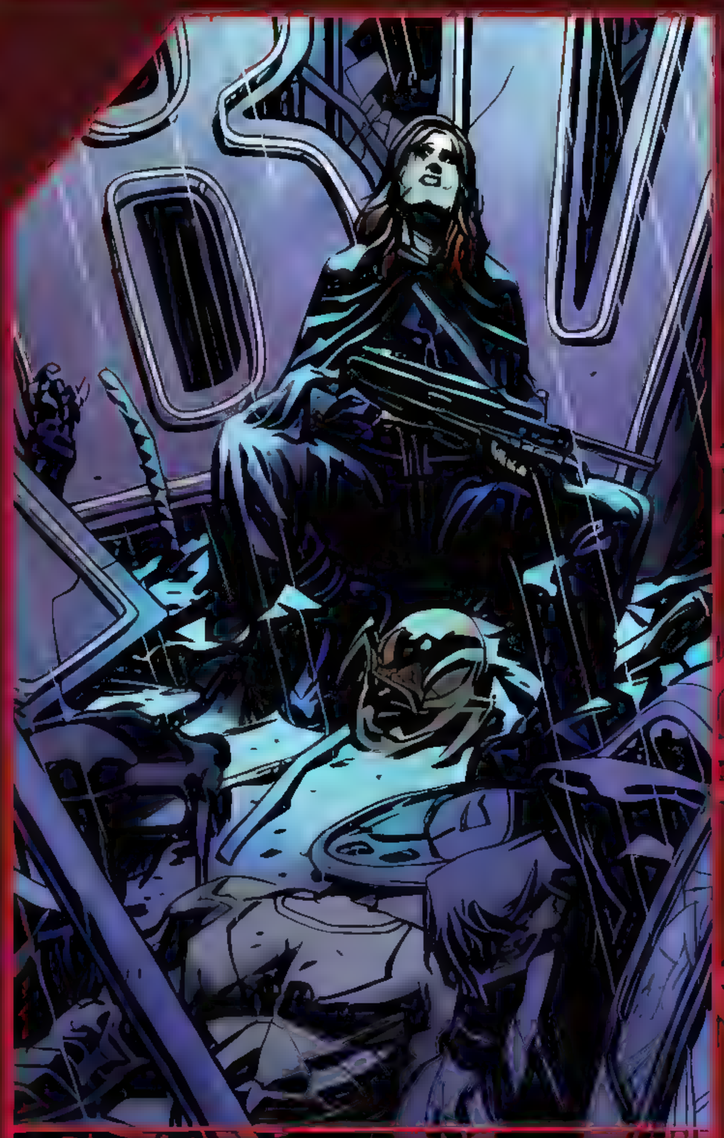

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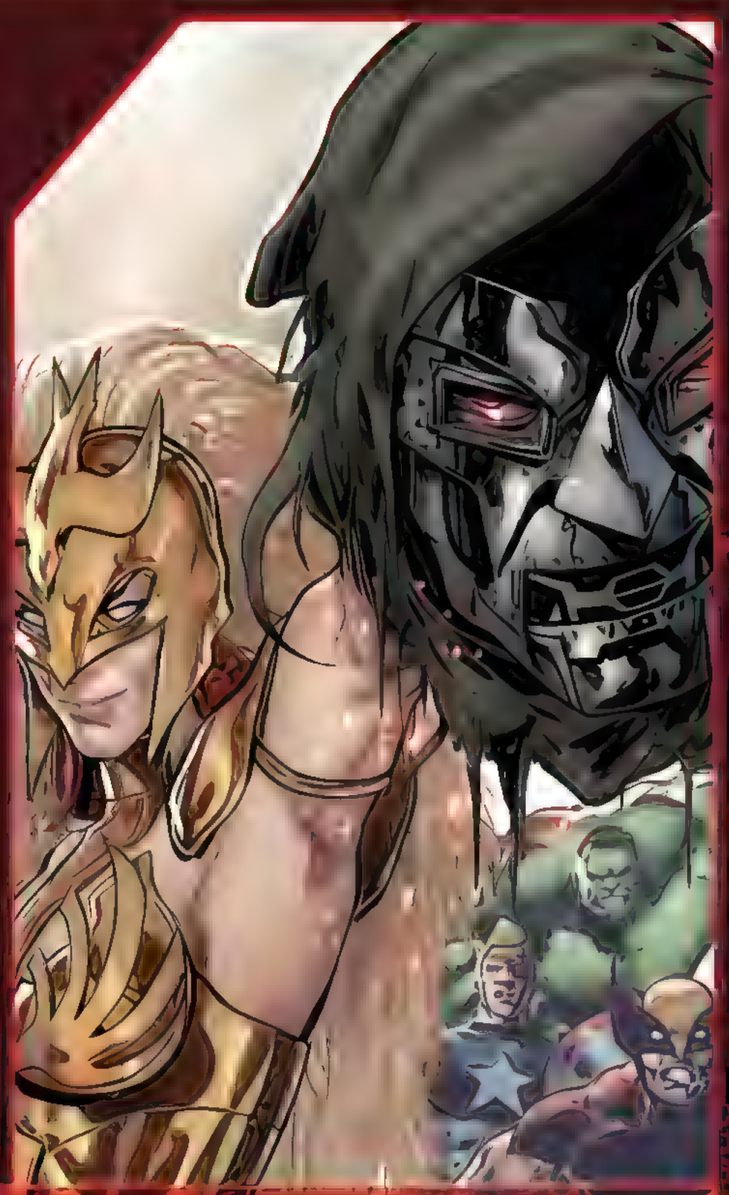

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NEXT:

PRESENT...

UNACCOUNTED FOR?!?!

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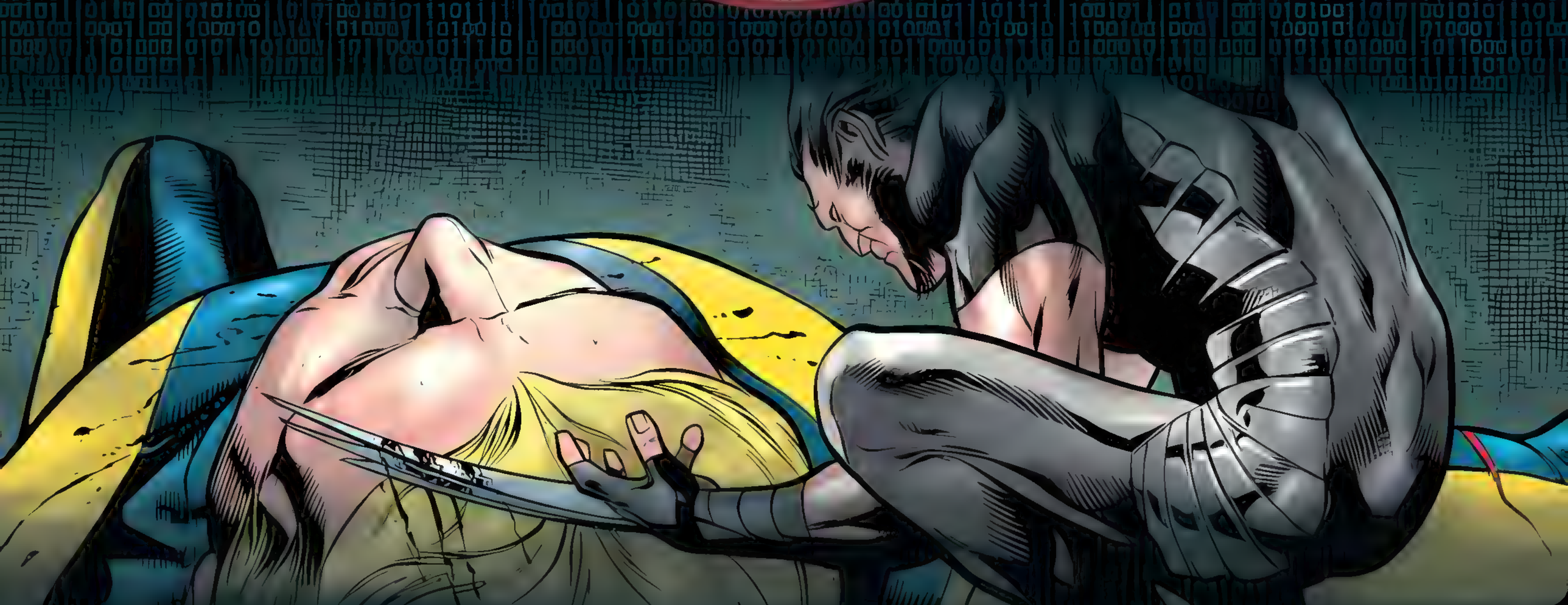

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IN AN ATTEMPT TO REVERSE THE CATACLYSMIC RISE OF ULTRON, THE SURVIVING HEROES TRAVELED TO THE SAVAGE LAND, WHERE THEY DISCOVERED NICK FURY AND HIS DOOMSDAY BUNKER FULL OF POWERFUL DEVICES, INCLUDING DOCTOR DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM. CAPTAIN AMERICA LED A STRIKE FORCE TO THE FUTURE, WHERE ULTRON HAS BEEN REMOTELY CONTROLLING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRESENT. MEANWHILE, WOLVERINE WENT ROGUE AND TRAVELED BACK IN TIME, WITH SUE STORM FOLLOWING INVISIBLY. IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR FUTURE AND EVERYONE THEY'D LOST, SUE ALLOWED WOLVERINE TO END THE LIFE OF HANK PYM BEFORE HE COULD CREATE ULTRON.

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WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

YA CAN STOP WITH THE STINK EYE, MRS. RICHARDS.

I TOLD YOU TO WAIT IN THE CAR.

YOU INVOLVED YOURSELF IN ALL THIS. *YOU* MADE YOUR CHOICES.

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
YEARS AGO.

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED IN YOUR LIFE?

NOBODY THAT DIDN'T HAVE IT COMIN'.

I'M SORRY IF I'M ANNOYING YOU, WOLVERINE. I'VE NEVER CONSPIRED TO STRIKE DOWN A HEROIC MAN IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS PRIME BEFORE.

WELL, NOW YA HAVE.

CROSS IT OFF YOUR TO-DO LIST.

ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS HENRY PYM HAS DONE IN HIS LIFE--OR HAD YET TO DO--

HE CREATED A ROBOT THAT KILLED HALF THE WORLD. NOW HE DIDN'T.

BUT DIDN'T ULTRON CREATE THE VISION?

AND WASN'T HE ONE OF THE GREATEST AVENGERS OF ALL TIME?

ALL THE THINGS THEY'VE DONE WILL NEVER HAPPEN.

DIDN'T THE VISION MARRY THE SCARLET WITCH?

WITHOUT THEM, WHAT WILL THE WORLD BE LIKE?

I DON'T KNOW AND YOU DON'T KNOW.

BUT WE'RE BOTH BETTING IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT WE LEFT BEHIND.

AND WHY DID YOU LAND THE CAR HERE? WE'RE MILES FROM THE CAVE.

I STOLE THIS CAR FROM A YOUNG'N' HANDSOME NICK FURY.

HE'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR IT, AND US, IF HE'S STILL LURKIN' AROUND.

SNIKT

AND ONCE WE TRAVEL BACK TO THE PRESENT WE'RE GONNA NEED A RIDE HOME, SO WHY DON'T--

SON OF A--

RUUAGH!

JUST STAND BACK.

I HAVE THIS.

KILLING ISN'T THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.

HUUARRGGH!

HUMMMM!

FORCE-FIELD IN ITS MOUTH?

NICE.

YES.

CAN WE PLEASE GO HOME?

YOU SMELL ANYTHING?

NOPE.

NO YOUNG NICK FURY?

SCENT IS OLD.

LONG GONE.

WE WERE RIGHT TO COME HERE.

WE'LL SEE.

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
NOW.

HOLD ON.
TAKE US DOWN THERE.
MAKE US INVISIBLE AND TAKE US DOWN.

WHAT IS ALL THIS?

LOOKS LIKE THE SAVAGE LAND IS NOW AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT JUNKYARD.

THAT IS A SKRULL SKULL.

HEY, YEAH, LOOK AT THAT.

LOOKS LIKE THEIR SECRET INVASION WENT A DIFFERENT WAY THIS TIME.

SOME OF THESE SHIPS LOOK LIKE KREE.

I THINK THIS IS WHERE THE KREE/SKRULL WAR HAPPENED.

THERE WAS A KREE/SKRULL WAR?

TWO HARD-CORE ALIEN RACES BATTLING OVER OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO THE EARTH.

MUST'VE BEEN BEFORE MY TIME.

I GET IT.

THE AVENGERS STOPPED IT ***BEFORE*** IT CAME TO EARTH. AT LEAST, THAT'S THE WAY IT WENT BEFORE WE--

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR PROBLEM WITH HER IS.

I TOLD YOU, I THINK SHE'S USING YOU.

USING ME FOR WHAT? WHAT DO I HAVE?

YOUR STARKGUARD SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR ONE.

SECURITY CLEARANCE? WE'RE OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE GUARDING A BUNCH OF NOTHING.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM.

YOU LIKE HER. SHE LIKES YOU. BE IN LOVE. BE HAPPY.

WHO CARES IF SHE'S HYDRA?

STARKGUARD?

I'LL GET THE CAR.

OH, WHAT THE HELL?

HOLD IT TOGETHER.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?!

THE WORLD'S STILL HERE, AIN'T IT?

AGH!

SHABOOM

WHO HIT US?!

TIME TO GO!

MAKE SOME FANCY FORCE-FIELDS OR WHATEVER YOU DO.

KABOOM

DID YOU SEE WHERE IT CAME FROM?

NO.

IT SMELLS LIKE NEW YORK. A *LITTLE* DIFFERENT, BUT THE CITY IS STILL HERE.

IT'S ALL HERE.

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT WE DID JUST GET SHOT OUT OF THE SKY!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

VISHANTI SPELL OF SELF-PRESERVATION. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 107.

YOU CAN'T COME WALTZING INTO AMERICAN AIRSPACE...

NOT WITHOUT THE DEFENDERS HAVING SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

SUZIE?

BEN?

ARE YOU, WAIT, ARE YOU *BACK?*

HOLD ON THERE, TOUGH GUY!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE TWO DUMBEST SHAPE-SHIFTING SKRULLS IN THE HISTORY OF DUMB SKRULLS.

I DON'T THINK THIS *IS* SKRULLS, JANET.

THIS IS SOME *OTHER* WEIRD THING.

SHOULD I SMASH THE @#$$ OUT OF THEM?

HOLD ON, BRUCE.

TIME TO START TALKING!

WELL, THEY'RE EITHER SKRULLS OR THIS IS SOME SORT OF LE FEY TRICK.

OR JUST TWO DUMB WANNABE COSPLAYERS.

BUT IT LOOKS *JUST* LIKE HER.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN YEARS.

SPEAK.

YOU HEARD THE HULK.

START TALKIN', HANDSOME.

MRS. RICHARDS...

AGH!

RR!!

LET'S GO.

I REALLY THINK THIS MIGHT BE HER.

I HATE TO SAY THIS...

BUT THAT GUY SMELLS *JUST* LIKE ME.

YOU'RE TELLING US.

DOCTOR, CAN YOU ILLUMINATE THE SITUATION?

GIVE ME A MOMENT, COLONEL.

DON'T BOTHER...

SNFF

I'VE GOT THIS.

THIS WAY!
THIS AIN'T GONNA WORK, LADY.
AIN'T GONNA WORK.
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE CITY AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT--
I'M A HUNTER. WHICH MEANS THE *OTHER* ME IS A HUNTER.
ONCE I GET MY NOSE ON YOU, I CAN TRACK YOU ALL THE WAY BACK TO A TOILET BOWL IN MADRIPOOR.

AHHHH

SEE.
WE GOT YOU SURROUNDED, SKRULL.

THE SPELL OF DISRUPTION. THE BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 97.

UH-OH.

I'M DYIN' TO HEAR WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YA.

SURE I WOULD, A FACE LIKE YOURS, WHAT'S NOT TO TRUST?

I'M GOING IN.

NO, THING, YOU BACK ME UP. THERE MIGHT BE MORE SURPRISES.

SETTLE DOWN, SKRULL.

YOU'RE ONLY HURTING YOURSELF AND I'M COMPLETELY FINE WITH THAT.

OW!

SMASH!!

AGH

SPELL BROKEN.

NOW, IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT DR. REED RICHARDS AND DR. SUE RICHARDS YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN BACK TO EARTH IN OVER-- AGK!

HULK, DON'T BREAK HER!

LIKE I AIN'T GOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH!

AGH!

OKAY, I GIVE.

WHO ARE YOU?

WHO ARE YOU REALLY?

DEAR GOD!

AGH!

YOU KNOW I'M REAL!

YOU CAN SMELL IT, AND YOU KNOW I'M YOU!

I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU *WANT* ME TO *THINK.*

YOU THINK YOU DUMB SKRULLS WOULD HAVE LEARNED A LESSON 'BOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN YOU PRETENDED TO BE ME THE LAST TIME.

YOU GUYS HAVE SKRULLS ON THE BRAIN!

AGH!

WHEN I FIND *OUAAGH!!*

I KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW YA AIN'T GONNA CALM DOWN SO I'LL END THIS QUICK-LIKE.

CRUNCH

AAAGGHH!!

YOU'LL HEAL FROM THIS AND YOU'LL GET TO SEE THE SUN RISE YET AGAIN.

YOU'LL HAVE YOUR TEAM AND YOUR FRIENDS AND, WHO KNOWS, MAYBE YOU'LL FIND A GIRL TO LOOK PAST ALL OF OUR LESS DESIRABLE QUALITIES.

IT COST US OUR SOULS TO HAVE THIS, SO TRY TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

RRR--WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT...

...MEAN?

YOU'RE WELCOME.

WHAM

WOW! I MEAN, WOW! *WHAT* IS GOING ON?

AH, JEEZ. LOOK AT THE POOR GUY.

WOLVERINE WILL HEAL. HE ALWAYS DOES.

YEAH, BUT STILL.

WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS, THEY AREN'T SKRULLS.

SKRULLS TURN BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL FORM ONCE YOU KNOCK THEM OUT.

THEN WHAT ARE THEY, JANET?

YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW, SCOTTY DARLING.

YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT THIS ONE DID TO *OUR* WOLVERINE BACK THERE.

WHERE *IS* OUR WOLVERINE?

HE TOLD US TO LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A MINUTE.

ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ONE?

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS?

I THINK WE NEED TO TALK TO *HIM.*

I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT. I'D REALLY RATHER NOT.

WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING I SHOWED UP ON MY OWN THEN...

WHO WANTS TO TELL THEIR UNCLE TONY EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?

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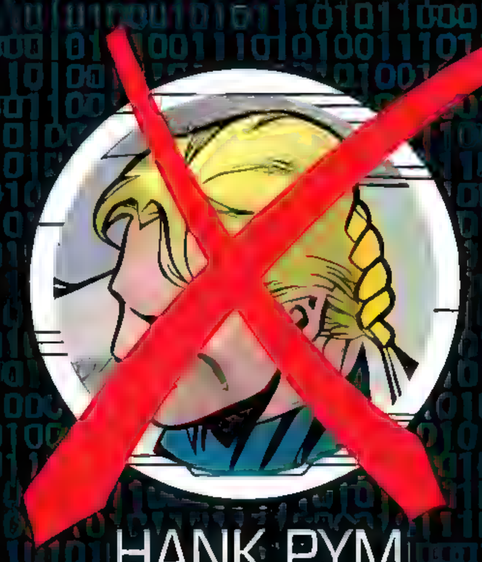
THE OLD NOW:

ULTRON

WOLVERINE

SUE STORM



HANK PYM

THE NEW NOW:

TONY STARK

COLONEL AMERICA

STAR-LORD

HULK

DR. STRANGE

CAPTAIN MARVEL

CABLE

THE THING

WOLVERINE

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IRON RULE!

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MISTER STARK, DUAL PSYCHIC PULL MEMORY FILES CONVERTED, MATCHED, UPLOADED AND READY FOR VIEWING.

ALL RIGHT, JARVIS, SHOW ME.

GOOD LORD.

MR. STARK.

GIVE ME A MINUTE.

JUST-- I'M GOING TO NEED A MINUTE HERE.

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU SEE AN ENTIRE ALTERNATE TIMELINE UNFOLD IN FRONT OF YOU.

TELL ME AGAIN. TELL ME EVERYTHING.

STARK, WE ALREADY LET YOU CONVERT *THIS* WOLVERINE AND SUSAN RICHARDS' MEMORIES INTO FILES.

WHICH I HAVE *SERIOUS* MORAL ISSUES WITH.

YOU'RE SEEING EVERYTHING WE SAW.

IT'S *INSANE*.

IT'S--IT'S A *FANTASIA* OF INSANITY.

JARVIS, I WANT ALL OF THIS LOGGED, CATALOGUED, AND ORGANIZED.

YES, SIR.

THIS IS GOING TO TAKE THE REST OF *MY LIFE* TO GO THROUGH.

TELL ME THIS ISN'T REAL.

TELL ME BEFORE I GO FULL-ON NUTBALLS.

THAT MAN *IS*, WITHOUT QUESTION, JAMES HOWLETT.

A.K.A. LOGAN.

A.K.A. WEAPON X.

A.K.A. WOLVERINE.

JUST NOT *OUR* WOLVERINE.

AND HE CAME HERE WITH SUSAN RICHARDS.

THAT *IS* HER.

JUST, AGAIN, NOT, ACCORDING TO THEIR MEMORIES, *OUR* SUSAN RICHARDS.

THE NARRATIVE INSIDE EACH OF THEIR HEADS IS IDENTICAL.

PERFECTLY IN SYNC.

YOU CANNOT-- YOU ***CANNOT FAKE*** THAT KIND OF PSYCHIC SYNCHRONICITY.

THEY BOTH, OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, SAW AND EXPERIENCED THE EXACT SAME HORRIBLE MEMORIES.

BUT FROST, XAVIER, COME ON...

YOU'RE TELLING ME THERE'S **NO WAY** THAT **MORGANA LE FEY** PLANTED THOSE MEMORIES?

THERE'S NO WAY SHE HAS DROPPED THEM HERE-- THAT THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF CLONE/ FAKE MEMORY/ TROJAN HORSE/ MAGIC BOMB ABOUT TO BLOW UP IN OUR FACES?

IF SHE, HEY, IF MORGANA HAS GOTTEN THAT GOOD-- IF SHE HAS THIS LEVEL OF NEW TRICKS UP HER SLEEVE--

SHE WINS.

I DON'T SEE HOW THIS GETS HER WHAT SHE WANTS.

YOU DON'T THINK THIS IS HER?

I THINK THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE.

YOU KNOW MY FEELING: SOMETHING THIS INSANE HAS TO BE WHAT IT IS.

THEN WE'RE SAYING THESE TWO LUNATICS HAVE BROKEN THE TIMELINE.

THEY WENT BACK IN TIME AND BROKE IT.

BUT IT SEEMS WE WERE DEAD AT THE HANDS OF A HOMICIDAL A.I. AND NOW WE'RE STILL ALIVE, SO...

OUR WOLVERINE WOULD LIKE TO INTERROGATE THIS OTHER WOLVERINE.

I'M SURE.

NO.

I WANT YOU TO SEND ALL OF THE DEFENDERS AWAY.

EVEN COLONEL AMERICA?

ESPECIALLY COLONEL AMERICA.

THAT'S ALL I NEED IS AN EARFUL OF HIS MOUTH.

AND I WANT IT VERY CLEAR-- NOBODY ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS.

I MEAN NOBODY.

DO YOU WANT ME TO ERASE THIS FROM THE DEFENDERS' BRAINS?

SEND THEM ON THEIR WAY NO WORSE FOR WORRY?

YEAH, YEAH...

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT KIND OF ABUSE, FROST.

JARVIS, PULL UP THE OLD AVENGERS ARCHIVES.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION EVIDENCE.

DR. HENRY PYM LABORATORY SECURITY FOOTAGE.

YOU KNOW THE ONE.

YES, SIR.

YOU KNOW, FOREVER WE THOUGHT HANK PYM WAS MURDERED BY SKRULLS.

COULD USE A BEER.

YA GOT BEER ON THIS TUB?

YOU'RE SO LIKE YOURSELF IT'S SCARY.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF YA, STARK?

IT SEEMS **YOU** DID.

I LOST HALF OF MY BODY IN THE LATVERIA-ASGARD WARS.

THE LAST TIME I EVER SAW THOR.

I WAS RIPPED IN HALF ALONG WITH MY ARMOR TRYING TO KEEP MORGANA LE FEY FROM CONQUERING THIS HALF OF THE WORLD AS WELL AS ALL OF EUROPE..

BUT IT SEEMS NONE OF THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF HANK PYM WAS STILL ALIVE.

JARVIS, SHOW US THE DR. HENRY PYM HOMICIDE--LABORATORY SECURITY FOOTAGE.

SECURITY CAMERA. DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD THOSE INSTALLED.

YOU KILLED MY VERY GOOD FRIEND.

THE AVENGERS BROKE UP SOON AFTER THIS.

MAGIC WON IN A BATTLE AGAINST TECHNOLOGY. ASGARD ABANDONED US.

YOU BROKE THE WORLD.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE.

FINE. OLD-SCHOOL IT IS.

NNN.

CAN I GO?

WHERE WOULD YOU BE GOING?

HOW DOES THIS WORK? AM I UNDER ARREST? ARE YOU KING OF THE WORLD NOW?

TELL ME YOU KNOW WHAT THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT IS.

MY **WHOLE LIFE** IS A BUTTERFLY EFFECT.

YA THINK I DID THE WRONG THING?

BECAUSE THE WORLD I LEFT WAS **DEAD.**

ALL CUZ OF A ROBOT **YOUR FRIEND** MADE IN HIS BASEMENT.

NOT A ROBOT. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

DID YOU TRY TO **TALK** HIM OUT OF IT?

DID YOU TRY TO GET HIM TO SEE THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS?

WHATEVER YOU SAY.

PYM? YEAH.

IT DIDN'T TAKE.

JUST LIKE YOU, THE OTHER YOU, SAID IT WOULDN'T.

IT'S A RELIGION TO YOU GUYS, YA SEE SOMETHIN' WORTH BUILDIN', YOU'RE GONNA BUILD IT.

YA **HAVE** TO BUILD IT.

SO YOU KILLED HIM?

IT'S WHAT I DO. THAT'S **MY** RELIGION.

AND NOW YOU THINK YOURSELF THE SELFLESS HERO.

THE MAN WHO SAVED THE WORLD.

BUB, I AIN'T PROUD OF MYSELF.

YOU THINK THIS WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE?

YOU ABSOLUTE FOOL.

NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU ON A STARKGUARD CARRIER AGAIN, COLONEL.

JANET, DON'T TEASE HIM.

YOU GUYS KNOW I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE WITH THE FUNNY WHILE WE WAIT HERE AND--

WE SHOULD GO. WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

WE SHOULD BE ***DOWN THERE*** SHAKING THIS TREE OURSELVES.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S ***ANOTHER*** ONE OF YOU, WOLVERINE.

YOU SAID THAT ALREADY, QUILL.

WHY'S EVERYTHING GOT TO BE SECRET AND CRYPTIC WITH STARK?

IF THAT'S SUZIE, MAN, WE USED TO BE LIKE FAMILY.

I SHOULD BE TALKIN' TO HER. I SHOULD--

IT'S NOT ***REALLY*** THEM, BEN. HOW COULD IT BE?

SETTLE DOWN, DEFENDERS.

I DON'T LIKE THIS ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT LET'S WAIT AND SEE IF STARK CAN FIND IT IN HIMSELF TO--

HEADS UP, THE ICE QUEEN COMETH.

NICE.

LISTEN, STARK WANTS YOU GUYS TO GO BACK TO DEFENDERS SANCTORUM AND DO WHATEVER IT IS YOU DO ALL DAY.

HE'LL CALL YOU WHEN WE HAVE THIS ALL SORTED.

LET'S RESPECT THE MAN'S PROCESS.

THE HELL HE WILL AND THE HELL ***WE*** WILL.

LISTEN TO YOUR DOCTOR, LOGAN.
HE TOLD YOU TO SETTLE DOWN. SO SETTLE DOWN.
I KNOW THIS IS UPSETTING TO YOU.
STOP READING MY MIND, LADY.
I WOULD *NEVER* READ YOUR MIND. IT'S DISGUSTING IN THERE.
WHAT ABOUT SUSAN?!
DID YOU MISS THE PART WHERE I SAID THIS IS A SECURITY MATTER?
AND, AS ALWAYS, STARK DOESN'T FEEL HE CAN TRUST US.
IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT, COLONEL.
SCREW THIS.
HEY!
STOP!
OR I'LL SHUT YOUR BRAIN DOWN SO HARD YOU'LL FORGET YOUR POTTY TRAINING.
YOU DO NOT *TOUCH* A DEFENDER, FROST.
ABOUT *THAT* YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. GO, BEN.
CABLE, BACK THEM UP.
EVERYONE ELSE IN POSITION.
VISHANTI SPELL OF DISORIENTATION, BOOK OF VISHANTI PAGE 73.
WHICH WAY?
FOLLOW ME.
STARK WILL KILL YOU.

YOU NEVER CONSIDERED ANYTHING ELSE?

A TIME-RELEASE VIRUS?

WHATEVER THAT IS.

IF I WAS ALIVE TO HELP YOU, IF REED RICHARDS WAS ALIVE TO HELP YOU, WE WOULD--WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CREATE A VIRUS--

WELL HE WASN'T AND YOU DIDN'T.

WHERE IS SHE?!

SUBTLE.

NO TIME!

IF YOU ARE SO HELL-BENT ON RUINING TIME AND SPACE--YOU COULD-- HANK PYM COULD HAVE INSTALLED SOMETHING IN HIS ORIGINAL ULTRON PROGRAM.

LET THE WORLD UNVEIL ITSELF AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO, UNSPOOL ITSELF AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO, GROW AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO...

SECURITY BREACH.

AND JUST AS THIS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WAS ABOUT TO ACHIEVE HIS ULTIMATE GOAL...

OPEN IT.

I HAVE ORDERS.

CRUSH HIS HEAD LIKE AN EGG!

OH GOD!

OPEN IT!

THAT'S A NICE THEORY AND ALL, STARK, BUT I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO WITH WHAT I HAD.

MISTER STARK, WE ARE IN LOCKDOWN.

LOCKDOWN?

YOU SON OF A BITCH.

THAT WAS QUITE A TRICK, LE FEY.

LE FEY?!

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!

OPEN IT!

SHE WAS JUST HERE.

THE SCENT IS STRONG.

KLUMP

SHE WAS IN HERE.

INVISIBLE.

OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK.

DAMN, I'M ACTUALLY EMBARRASSED.

SUSAN, OR WHOEVER OR WHATEVER YOU ARE, I CAN SEE YOU.

I CAN SEE ALL SPECTRUMS.

I'M GONNA KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

FROST, XAVIER, KEEP THE DEFENDERS ON BOARD AND GET THE ALPHA DRONES TEAM READY!

HOLD ON, TONY...

THIS IS WHY NO ONE TRUSTS YOU DEFENDERS...

DEFENDERS, *BRACE* YOURSELVES!

THIS IS *IT?* IT'S HAPPENING *NOW?*

"*YOU* BROUGHT HER HERE."

I HOPE YOU KNOW IT WAS A SUICIDE MISSION.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE *TALKING* ABOUT.

I JUST WANT TO SEE MY KIDS!

SIR...

ALL CARRIERS-- BATTLE STATIONS.

RED ALERT.

"WE ARE AT WAR."

"MORGANA LE FEY IS HERE!"

THIS IS IT!

WE'RE NOT READY!

WE'RE NOT NEARLY READY!

WHEN WERE WE EVER GOING TO BE?!

EVANODOR ATTACK SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.
MASSENTEAR'S LEVITATION SPELL, FROM THE ORAL SCROLLS OF TOOLI.
EVANODOR COMPATRIOT BOOST SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

DAMN YOU, DEMON!

AGH!

AGH!

AGH! WHAT THE DAMN HELL!

GET TOPSIDE, WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

FULL DRONE PLATOON!

SIR, THE CARRIER CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER HIT THAT--

EVERYTHING INTO THE DRONES!

LE FEY!

@#!@6#!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS WONKY TIMELINE PLAN OF YOURS IS, BUT YOU WON'T WIN, LE FEY!

YOU WON'T WIN!

AS ALWAYS, STARK, I BARELY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

BUT, DO TURN AROUND, I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS THIS.

NO...

TO BE CONTINUED...

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NEW YORK CITY.
TODAY.

DAILY

BUGLE

NAAGH!

AGH!

FIVE DAYS LATER.

NYYAARR!

GUH! GAUH! AH!

AH!

HURRAA!

GUAAHH!

HUAAR!

CRACK

WOLVERINE_

I WAS LYING HERE WONDERING_

HANK PYM_

COULD ONE MAN MAKE SO MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE?

I GUESS SO.

BUT_

YOU--YOU CAN'T GO BACK.

I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO GO BACK IN TIME AND FIX YOUR MISTAKE.

YOU CAN'T.

LISTEN TO ME, THE REASON_THE REASON WE DON'T GO BACK AND FORTH THROUGH TIME AND FIX THINGS...

THE REASON WE DON'T JUST DO WHATEVER WE WANT WHENEVER THINGS DON'T GO OUR WAY IS BECAUSE WE CAN'T.

TIME IS AN ORGANISM.

IT'S PART OF US.

IT LIVES AND BREATHES AND EVERY TIME YOU TRAVEL THROUGH IT, YOU RIP IT.

YOU TEAR IT.

YOU HURT IT.

IF YOU KEEP DOING IT EVENTUALLY YOU WILL KILL IT.

YOU'LL BREAK IT BEYOND REPAIR.

DO YOU HEAR ME?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TIME IS DEAD?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU KILL IT?

IT'S NOT JUST US--

WE'RE NOT ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE.

YEARS AGO.

YOU JUST, RIGHT NOW, THOUGHT OF THE WAY TO @#$# THE WORLD.

AND I WAS HERE TO SEE IT.

AIN'T I LUCKY.

WHO ARE YOU?

I'M THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE.

BUDDY, I'M TELLING YOU, YOU PICKED THE WRONG PLACE TO BREAK INTO--

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, BUB...

I COME FROM A PLACE NOT LONG FROM NOW WHERE EVERYTHING YOU LOVE, EVERYTHING, ALL OF IT, WILL BE GONE...

CUZ'A YOU.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, FRIEND?

YOU LISTENIN' TO ME?

I COME FROM THE FUTURE AND IN THE FUTURE THERE *IS* NO FUTURE.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

SNIKT

THAT'S THE PROBLEM, PYM...

WHERE I COME FROM, EVERYONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.

AND I KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOW AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP YOU FROM BEING YOU.

AND ANY SMALL CHANCE YOU WOULD IS A CHANCE I AIN'T WILLIN' TO TAKE.

SNIKT

WHAT AM I DOING?!

I CAN'T JUST LET THIS HAPPEN.

I CAN'T PUT MY NEEDS IN FRONT OF--BUT MY NEEDS ARE THE NEEDS OF--

HEY! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE DONE ALREADY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT--?

WHAT ARE YOU MADE OUT OF?!

GGAARRGHH!

SLLLCCCEEE

WHORRRARE YOU?

I DONE TOLD YA.

I'M THE LAST RESORT.

YOU DONE GOOD IN THE WORLD TOO, PYM.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT.

THAT'S WHY THIS AIN'T EASY.

STOP!

IT DOESN'T WORK.

DON'T BOTHER.

THE HELL?

THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!

SMASH

I NEED YOU TO HEAR ME, ME.

STAND DOWN!

YOU KILL PYM HERE, YOU GO HOME, AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS AS BIG A MESS AS THE ONE YOU'RE TRYING TO STOP.

WHAT IS THIS?

I'D APOLOGIZE, BUT I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TA START.

WHAT DAMN TRICK?

THIS IS *EXACTLY* WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AND YOU KNOW IT. IT'S--IT IS WHAT IT IS.

YA THINK YOU'RE DOIN' THE RIGHT THING HERE, BUT I'VE COME BACK TO TELL YA, YOU'RE ***WAY*** OFF. WE ARE WAY, ***WAY*** OFF.

WHO SENT YOU? CAPTAIN AMERICA?

YOU AN ULTRON THING?

WHAT THE HELL?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING?

IT'S ALL FURY HAD FOR US IN HIS SECRET BUNKER.

AND NOW, WE NEED TO THINK OF SOMETHING BETTER THAN WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO DO.

SORRY, BUB, I DON'T BUY THIS AT ALL...

YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME SAY IT, AIN'T YA?

1928.
CHARLENE BAUMGARTNER.
WHO THE HELL TOLD YOU ABOUT--?
YEAH, I'M SAYIN'...THIS IS REAL.
I BEEN THERE AND BACK.
TIME FOR PLAN B OR THAT'S THE SHOW.
WELL #$@@.
WHAT *IS* THIS?
SO WHAT DO WE DO?
FIND ANOTHER TIME TO DO IT?
KILL HIM AS A BABY?
THIS--THIS IS JUST FASCINATING.
NO.
HE HAS TO FIX THIS.
BUT WE DECIDED HE WOULD NEVER DO THAT. *WE* DECIDED.
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T GET YOUR NAME? AND JUST HOW ARE YOU THEORETICALLY TRAVELING THROUGH TIME?

TONY STARK GAVE ME AN IDEA, BUT I CAN'T DO IT.
YOU HAVE TO DO IT.
YOU KNOW TONY STARK?
BUDDY, WHAT PART OF THIS ARE YOU NOT GETTIN'?
I KNOW EVERYBODY YOU KNOW. I'M A DAMN AVENGER.
YOU ARE?
AND EVERYBODY YOU KNOW *DIES* BECAUSE--
I CREATE A ROBOT.
I DON'T MAKE ROBOTS.
I-I'M TINKERING WITH SOME A.I.
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
THAT THING.
ULTRON.
I *PROMISE* YOU, I WON'T CREATE THE ROBOT.
I HEAR YOU.
IT'S DONE.
IT WON'T HAPPEN.
NO.
IT HAS TO HAPPEN.
EVERYTHING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED, *HAS* TO HAPPEN.
EVERYTHING?
EVERYTHING BUT THE PART WHERE ULTRON MOPS THE WORLD WITH US.
EVERYTHING BUT--
HOW COULD THAT *POSSIBLY* WORK?

STARK SAID SOMETHIN' ABOUT CREATIN' SOME SORT OF THING--A VIRUS OR SOMETHIN'. A CODE...

SOMETHIN' YOU PUT IN THE ROBOT *NOW* AND YOU LET THE WORLD UNRAVEL AS IT'S SUPPOSED TO.

EXCEPT YOU MAKE IT SO WHEN THE THING IS ABOUT TO GO FULL-BLOWN--IT JUST CAN'T.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ULTRON.

WHAT IF--HMM...

WHAT IF, KNOWING WHAT I KNOW NOW, I JUST CREATE A *BETTER* VERSION OF IT?

SEE, HE CAN'T *NOT* CREATE THE DAMN THING.

WE WERE RIGHT TO COME HERE.

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

WHAT DID YOU SEE?

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, I CAN TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

HE DOESN'T GET IT.

I GET IT.

I'M SAYING I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU CAME HERE.

I'M SAYING WE CAN--

SHUT UP.

NOW I WANT TO KILL HIM JUST OUT OF PRINCIPLE.

I CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT ATTACKS THE WORLD, THE AVENGERS...IS THIS NUMEROUS TIMES? IS THIS AN ONGOING CONCERN?

YUP.

NUMEROUS TIMES.

YUP.

WELL, NOW I'LL KNOW.

I'LL KNOW THAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE NUMEROUS TIMES HE ATTACKS US, I CAN PUSH A BUTTON AND MAKE THIS A.I. STOP AT ANY TIME.

HOW COULD I *POSSIBLY* ALLOW ALL THESE CLOSE CALLS?

WERE THEY CLOSE CALLS?

SURE.

HOW DO I *POSSIBLY* LET THAT HAPPEN?

YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOURSELF FORGET.

SUSAN STORM?
DOCTOR...
ARE YOU WITH *THEM* TOO?
KIND OF.
YOU LOOK--YOU LOOK--
WELL, I'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL.
NO. YOU LOOK OLDER.
HOLD THAT THOUGHT FOR JUST A SECOND...

YOU HIT ME!
I HAD TO STOP YOU FROM NOT STOPPING ME FROM KILLING HIM.
I WAS *GOING* TO STOP YOU.
NO. YOU WEREN'T.

OKAY, WE'RE GETTING TO A PLACE HERE WHERE WE NEED TO CALL MY HUSBAND.
EVEN THE REED FROM THIS TIME CAN HELP US NAVIGATE THE REST OF THIS.

I THINK IT'S BEST WE KEEP THIS SIMPLE AND AMONGST OURSELVES.
HE CAN HELP.
NOT IN THE LONG RUN.

I WOULD NEVER DO THIS.
I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD HURT ANYONE, LET ALONE EVERYONE.
I KNOW.
BUT IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE...

HENRY, MY KIDS, THE WHOLE CITY, THE WHOLE WORLD...
EVERYTHING DIES.
EVERYTHING.
WE RISKED EVERYTHING TO COME HERE.

SO ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT DOESN'T EXIST YET...
PUT A TIME RELEASE PROGRAM INSIDE OF IT THAT DOESN'T EXIST YET...
MAKE MYSELF FORGET ABOUT IT AND GO ABOUT MY LIFE...

HOW DO I DO THIS EXACTLY?

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.

SO, WHAT?

YOU'RE BOTH COMING BACK WITH ME?

AREN'T YOU NOW A WALKING, TALKING PARADOX?

I MEAN, MORE THAN USUAL..

GIVE US A MINUTE.

SO_ WHICH ONE OF US?

ME.

YOU SURE?

YOU DIDN'T SEE WHAT I SAW.

THAT BAD?

WE DON'T WANNA LIVE WITH IT.

WHAT IF PYM SCREWS US?

I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MORE CHANCES WE GET IN THIS WORLD.

WELL...

THIS IS GOING TO HAUNT ME.

YUP.

HELLO?

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO_

SNIKT

HELLO?

OH MY GOD...

WHAT DID--WHAT DID YOU DO?

LET'S JUST GO BACK WHERE WE BELONG.

-SKRAWWK-

WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK?

WHAT IF IT'S JUST BEYOND PYM'S ABILITIES?

WANT DA-DA--

-SKRAWWK-

NO NEED TO PLUG ME IN, DADDY...

I'M ALIVE...

JUST LIKE YOU...

-SKRAWWK-

TO BE CONCLUDED...

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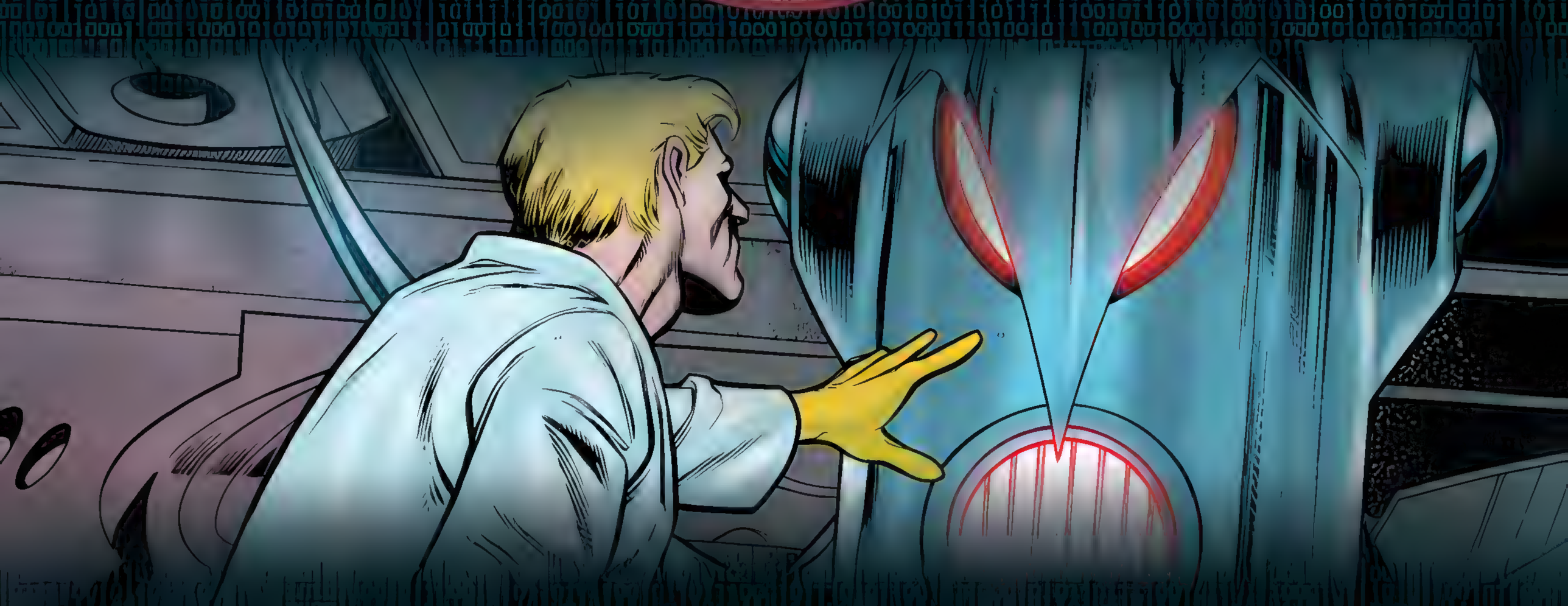

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WOLVERINE TRAVELED BACK TO THE PAST, PREVENTED HIMSELF FROM KILLING PYM, AND PRESENTED A NEW PLAN. PYM WOULD CREATE A TIME-RELEASE VIRUS IN ULTRON'S ORIGINAL PROGRAM WHICH WOULD REMAIN DORMANT UNTIL THEY WOULD NEED IT ACTIVATED TO STOP THE AGE OF ULTRON. TO SAVE THEIR EXISTENCE, THEY LET HENRY PYM CREATE ULTRON. ONE WOLVERINE SLEW THE OTHER AND THEN RETURNED TO THE PRESENT WITH SUE RICHARDS.

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THE NEW YORK LABORATORIES OF DR. HENRY PYM.
SOME MONTHS AGO.

PING

PING?

MY SYSTEM DOESN'T GO...

OPEN YOUR DOOR, DOCTOR

HELLO?

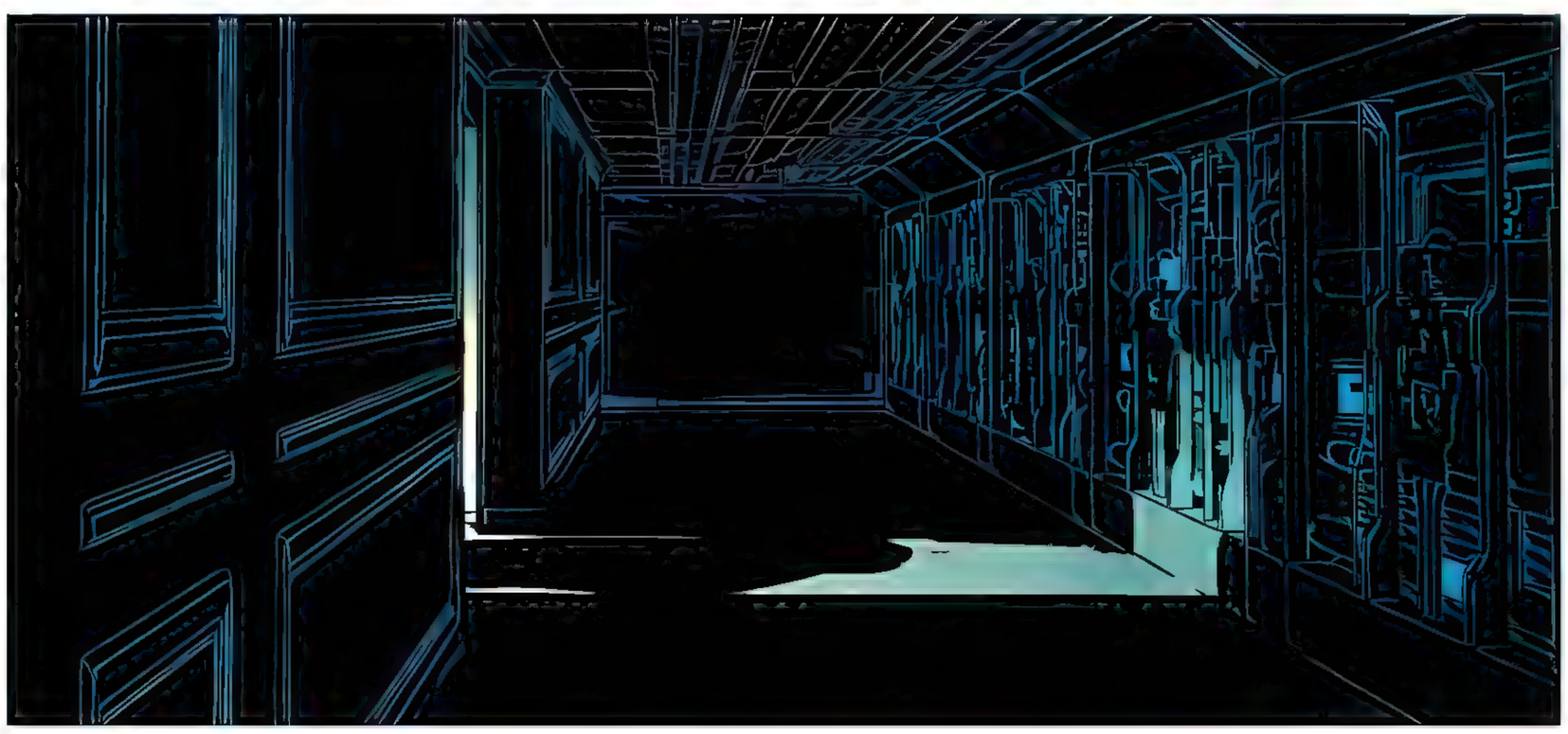
WHOEVER YOU ARE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU GOT PAST MY CUSTOMIZED INTERNAL SECURITY.

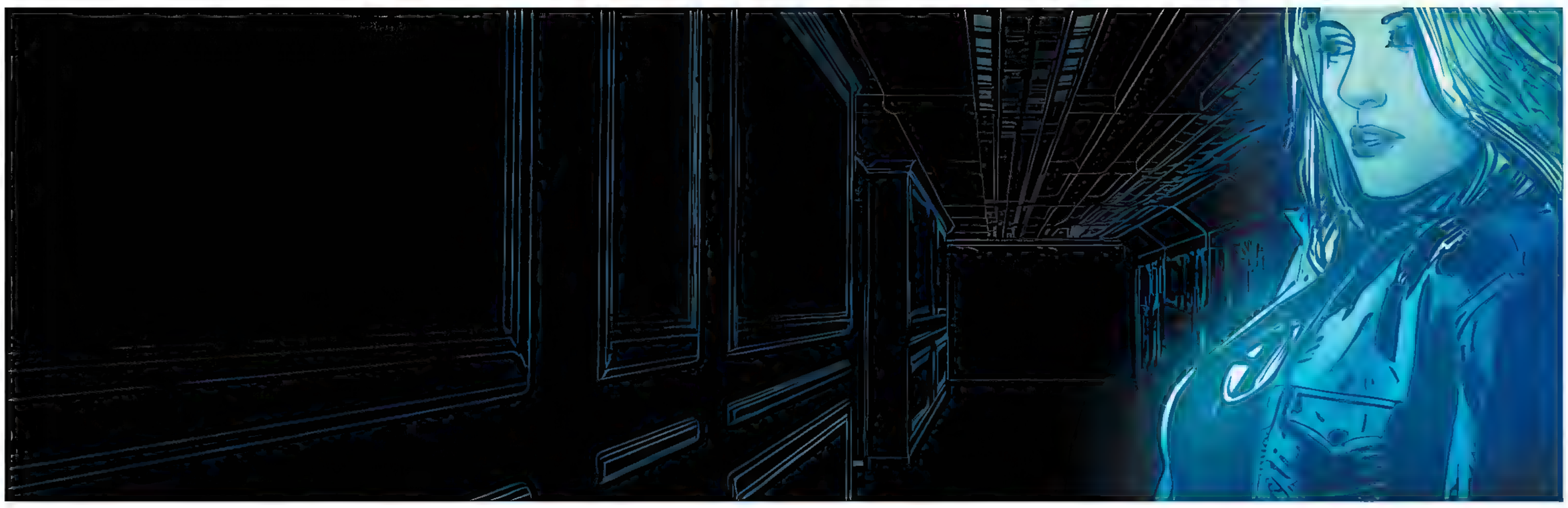
JANET?

YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE STUFF LIKE THIS...

ALL RIGHT!

DON'T MAKE ME GROW TEN FEET TALL AND--





PLAY
ME

OH MY
GOD.
HI,
HENRY.

IT'S ME.

IT'S **YOU.**

YOU WON'T REMEMBER MAKING THIS VIDEO. THAT'S THE WAY IT HAD TO BE.

IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU/ WE NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU...**UNTIL** TODAY.

THE WORLD HAD TO KEEP TURNING.

EVERYTHING HAD TO GET TO THIS DAY.

IT WAS PROBABLY/ HOPEFULLY ALL FOR THE BEST.

BUT IF YOU'RE SEEING THIS VIDEO, THAT MEANS AT LEAST WE STILL HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE.

YOU PROBABLY ALREADY GUESSED THAT IF WE WENT TO SUCH COLOSSAL TROUBLE TO GET TO THIS POINT...

IT'S BECAUSE OF **ULTRON.**

THE WORST HAS HAPPENED.

WHAT IS THIS?!

OR I SHOULD SAY IT'S **ABOUT** TO HAPPEN.

OF ALL THE THINGS WE'VE MESSED UP IN OUR LIVES...THIS IS THE **BIG** ONE.

WE HAVE TO MAKE IT RIGHT. WE **HAVE** TO.

WE ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE.

SO HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

"A SPECIAL AVENGERS OPERATION IS GOING TO LEAD TO A HIDEOUT WHERE A GROUP OF FAIRLY INTELLIGENT CRIMINAL MASTERMINDS WILL HAVE DECIDED TO TEAM UP.

BOOM

"THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE INTELLIGENCIA.

"YOU WON'T BE PART OF EITHER TEAM.

SKRAKAKBOOM

YOU ALL SEEM LIKE INTELLIGENT MEN...AT LEAST IN THEORY.

I WOULD THINK ABOUT SURRENDER BECAUSE...

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!!

"THESE GENIUSES WILL HAVE STUMBLED UPON WHAT THEY *THINK* IS FOUND ALIEN TECH THAT CRASH-LANDED HERE."

DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK WE WERE NOT *PREPARED FOR YOU!*

I HAVE THE *POWER OF A GOD!*

I AM ENCASED IN A PROTECTIVE FORCE-FIELD THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE FORCE OF A *NUCLEAR--*

"THE AVENGERS WILL *CATCH* THEM TRYING TO REVERSE-ENGINEER IT.

FA-OOM

"THE AVENGERS, BEING THE AVENGERS, WILL GET THERE IN THE NICK OF TIME...

"WHAT THE BAD GUYS *DON'T* KNOW, WHAT THE *AVENGERS* DON'T KNOW, IS THAT THIS ALIEN TECH IS JUST A TEMPORARY TRANSPORTATION SHELL..."

HO *HO*...

IT DOESN'T TAKE A MATH GENIUS TO REALIZE WE'RE OUTNUMBERED AND OVERPOWERED.

WE GRACIOUSLY SURRENDER.

LET'S BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF TERMS--

SFX: KRAKOW

YOU SHOULD'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU *KIDNAPPED MY FRIEND!*

COME ON, CAROL. I WAS GOING TO DO THAT.

THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE INTELLIGENCIA.

THEY ARE A GROUP OF BIG BRAIN--

WE KNOW ALL ABOUT IT, JESSICA.

THAT THING-- THAT IS SOME SORT OF POWER SOURCE FROM A DISTANT GALAXY... OR SOMETHING...

IT'S A SPACEKNIGHT.

OF *COURSE* IT IS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT IT LEAVES AN UNCATEGORIZED ENERGY TRAIL THAT LED US RIGHT TO YOU.

TONY, IT'S PYM.

PYM? I'M KIND OF BUSY RIGHT NOW, HENRY. CAN I CALL YOU--

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY. I'M **SENDING** YOU SOMETHING.

THEY FOUND A WAY TO ACTIVATE IT.

WE DID NOT.

WHAT DID YOU **DO** TO IT?

NOTHING.

THAT JUST HAPPENED. IT JUST TURNED ITSELF ON...

WHAT IS THIS, PYM?

DID YOU WRITE THIS CODE?

I PROMISE YOU I WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER.

THESE ARE HIGHLY EVOLVED CALCULATIONS, MY FRIEND.

TONY! LISTEN TO ME, THIS IS IT.

KOOM

DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW, BUT THIS IS **THE** MOMENT.

THIS IS OUR NIGHTMARE.

DEAR GOD...

IT'S HAPPENING.

LAUNCH THE CODE, TONY, OR WE'RE **ALL GOING TO DIE.**

ULTRON IS BACK.

IT HAS TO BE NOW, TONY.

IT IS A KILL CODE THAT IS VERY SPECIFIC TO A BACKDOOR CODE PORTAL PROGRAM BUILT INTO HIM.

INTO THE DEEPEST RECESSES OF HIS PRIMARY PROGRAM.

KRAKA BOOM

I AM UNPREPARED FOR THIS BATTLE.

YOU WILL WAIT.

UPLOAD IT TO THE COORDINATES I SENT YOU.

SHOVE IT RIGHT UP HIS--

THIS IS INCORRECT.

THIS IS IT.

HENRY? IS IT WORKING?

IT'S STILL LOADING.

HE'S GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT AND SHUT IT DOWN.

YOU HAVE TO STALL HIM.

AVENGERS!

HOLD HIM DOWN!

NOT MUCH OF A PLAN, BUT OKAY!

UNHAND ME, YOU FILTH.

FILTH?

SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE AND THAT'S THE BEST ZINGER YOU--

S.W.O.R.D. HEADQUARTERS, THIS IS ABIGAIL BRAND.

WE HAVE A CODE PHOENIX SITUATION.

PIUU PIUU

YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING.

YOU'RE ADDING BUFFERED CODE TO MY INFRASTRUCTURE? HOW WERE YOU SO PREPARED FOR ME?

THIS HAS MORE INGENUITY THAN YOU ARE CAPABLE OF, ANTHONY STARK.

I FEEL MY FATHER'S HAND IN THIS.

YOU HAVE ALTERED MY CODING.

YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEPROGRAM ME BY REPROGRAMMING ME?

FATHER, YOU MUST KNOW THAT I HAVE MADE NUMEROUS ADVANCES TO MY SYSTEMS SINCE YOU GAVE BIRTH TO ME.

WARNING

POWER LEVEL MAX

300

UM, I THINK HE'S FIGURED OUT THE DEAL HERE, HENRY.

OPEN LINK; DR [illegible] ANT PYM

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82 PERCENT

ALMOST THERE.

FATHER.

YOU BIRTHED ME BUT I HAVE EVOLVED PAST YOU.

I AM DECODING YOUR CODE AS YOU UPLOAD IT.

I AM CLOSING THE BACKDOOR AS YOU OPEN IT.

YOU ANGER ME.

YOU INSULT ME.

HENRY!

ALMOST THERE!

MY MEN AREN'T GOING TO MAKE IT IN TIME.

ALMOST THERE!!

WARNING 600/

CRITICAL SYSTEMS

HENRY, THERE'S JUST SO MUCH MORE OF HIM I CAN TAKE.

I MEAN PHYSICALLY.

IT'S GOING TO KILL ME.

DR HENRY "HANK" PYM

STRESS PSI

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ALMOST THERE.

97 PERCENT

ALMOST THERE.

97 PERCENT

HHRERAAAGGHH!!

ALMOST THERE.

99 PERCENT

INSTALLING...

I KNOW NOW THAT IT IS TIME TO PUT YOUR SPECIES OUT OF ITS MISERY.

YOU SERVE NO VALUE.

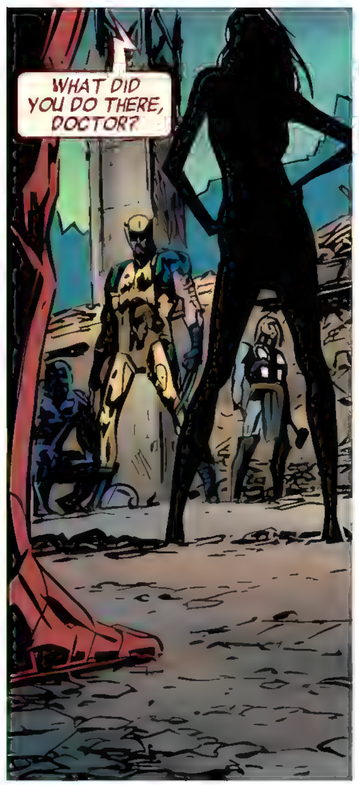
YOU SERVE NO PURPOSE.

I HATE YOU, FATHER.

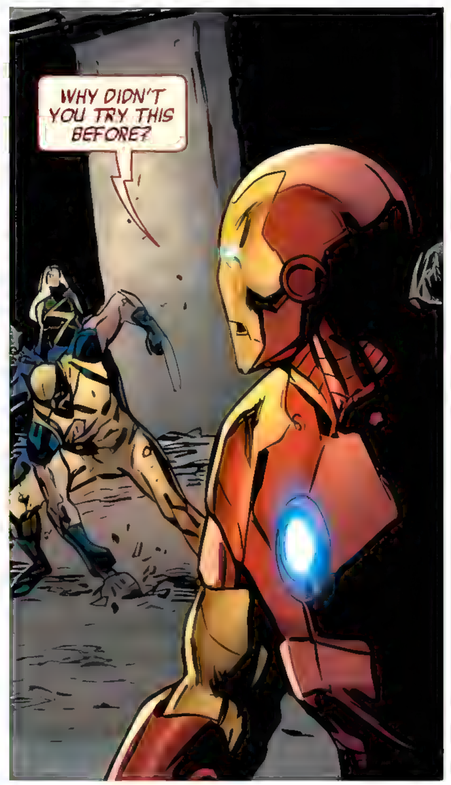
I WILL MAKE--

PROGRAM COMPLETE

UPLOAD COMPLETE


WHAT DID YOU DO THERE, DOCTOR?

WE SENT HIM WHAT LOOKED LIKE AN AVERAGE BACKDOOR TROJAN HORSE CODE, BUT THE TRICK OF IT WAS--
WHEN ULTRON TRIED TO DEFEND HIMSELF AND RE-CODE IT AND SHUT IT DOWN_IT TRIGGERED A SELF-REPLICATING VIRUS THAT WAS IMPLANTED IN HIM AT HIS CREATION.
BY THE TIME HE COULD PROCESS WHAT WAS HAPPENING... THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF HIM.


WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY THIS BEFORE?

I DIDN'T HAVE IT BEFORE.
ULTRON WASN'T THE ONLY ONE EVOLVING.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, HENRY?

"HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT I AM NOT PRIVY TO?"

GO HOME AND HUG THOSE KIDS OF YOURS, MRS. RICHARDS.

I TAKE BACK ALMOST EVERYTHING I SAID TO YOU.

GONNA SLEEP FOR A--

AR

"OKAY...

"WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?"

WELL, DR. McCOY, MY SUBSTANTIALLY EDUCATED GUESS-- AND IT'S STILL JUST A GUESS...

TO DESTROY ULTRON, WOLVERINE ***REPEATEDLY*** ABUSED THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM.

WE ***BROKE*** THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM.

YES, AND I THINK WE'RE LUCKY WE STILL EXIST IN A COHESIVE LINEAR REALITY.

IF THAT'S TRUE...WHY NOW?

WE'VE ALTERED THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM BEFORE.

TIME TRAVEL HAS BEEN PART OF OUR--

BUT ***THIS***-- THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE TIME TOO MANY.

DEAR GOD.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

THESE READINGS ARE INSANE.

WE'RE TEETERING ON MULTIVERSAL CHAOS.

PLUS, WE KNOW WE'RE NOT ***ALONE*** IN THE UNIVERSE.

"IMAGINE THESE TEARS IN TIME AND SPACE REACHING OUT THROUGH ***ALL*** OF TIME AND SPACE.

"IMAGINE OTHER *UNIVERSES* AFFECTED."

I think I'm finally getting the hang of the Spider-Man thing.

I remembered to fill my web-shooters *before* I left the house.

DAILY

My costume *doesn't* smell like whatever that horrible thing I had to fight with yesterday...

(What *is* an Omega Red?)

Maybe I was meant to do this after--*ahh!!*

OW!

Um...

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT, TONY, I CAN'T STOP.

THE IDEA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS TO CREATE A GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH COULD SUPPORT THE HUMAN RACE'S NEXT STEPS.

SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP US REACH OUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.

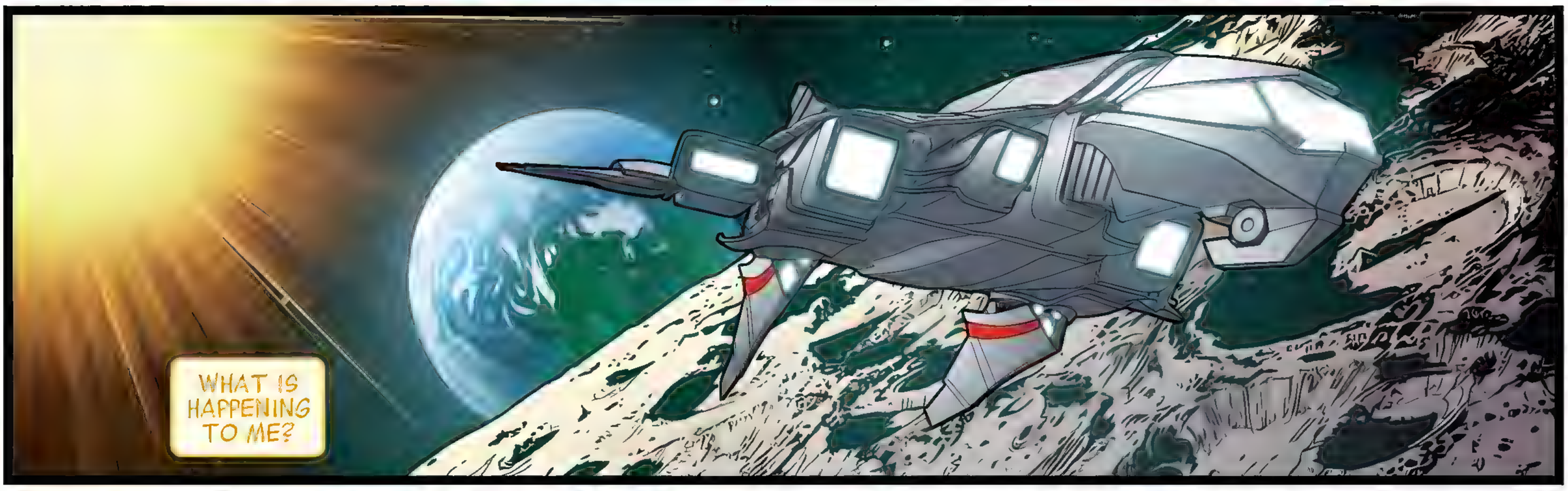
THE POINT OF ULTRON WAS TO BUILD A TECHNOLOGY THAT SUPPORTS OUR EVERY THOUGHT.

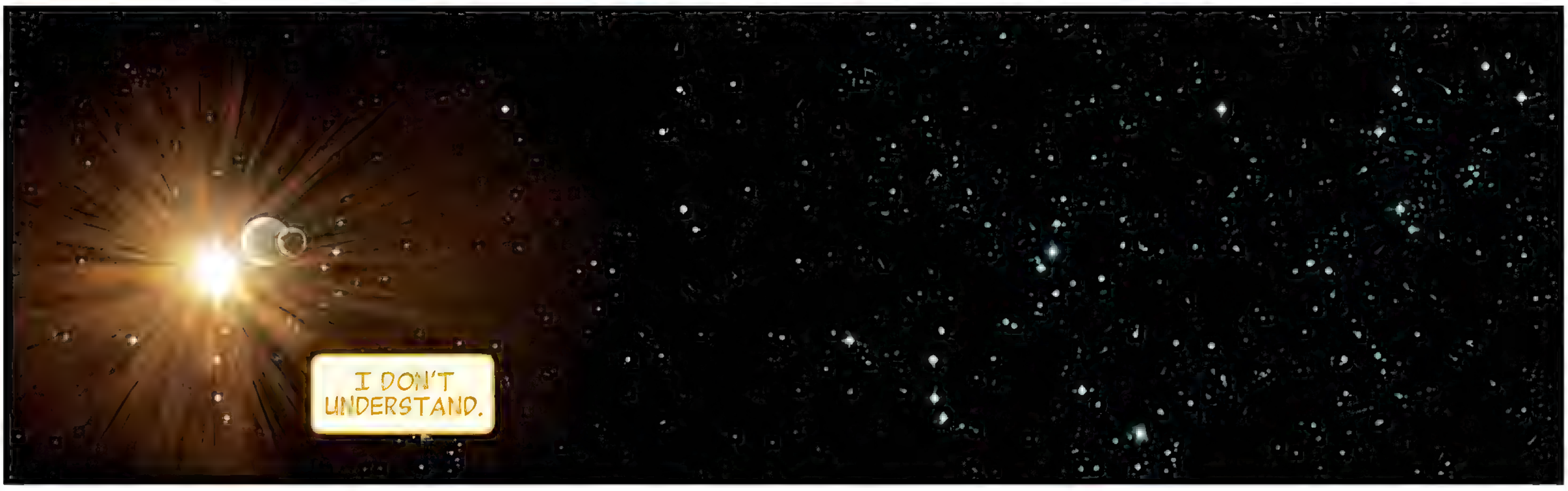
OUR IMAGINATION.

THAT'S IT!

I KNOW WHAT I DID WRONG NOW.

I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO.


WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?


I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT HERE.

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE.

I AM AN ANGEL FROM THE HEAVENS AND I WILL NOT BE DISRESPECTED.

WHOEVER DID THIS TO ME...

WHOEVER BROUGHT ME HERE AGAINST MY WILL...

MY NAME IS

ANGELA

I'M COMING TO END YOU.

AGE OF ULTRON

BOOK TEN

ULTRON

HANK PYM

M.O.D.O.K.

WIZARD

RED GHOST

KLAW

BEAST

MS. MARVEL

THOR

MOON KNIGHT

WOLVERINE

SUE STORM

SPIDER-WOMAN

IRON MAN

PROTECTOR

ABIGAIL BRAND

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN
(MILES MORALES)

GALACTUS

ANGELA

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